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ABSTRACT

The information supplied in this report focuses on the school finance systems of each state. The report is divided into five sections and then subdivided by each individual state. First, the basic formula of school finance systems is briefly described. Second, the special characteristics of schools/school districts considered by school finance systems are described in terms of density/sparsity and declining enrollment or growth. Third, assistance for capital outlay and transportation is reported, and fourth, assistance for special student populations. Fifth, state constitutional and statutory requirements related to school finance are described. Appended are (1) key education statistics; (2) state support for nonpublic schools; (3) review or pupil weights in compensatory education and special education; (4) district/school size and grade level differences; and (5) a glossary of school finance terms. (SI)

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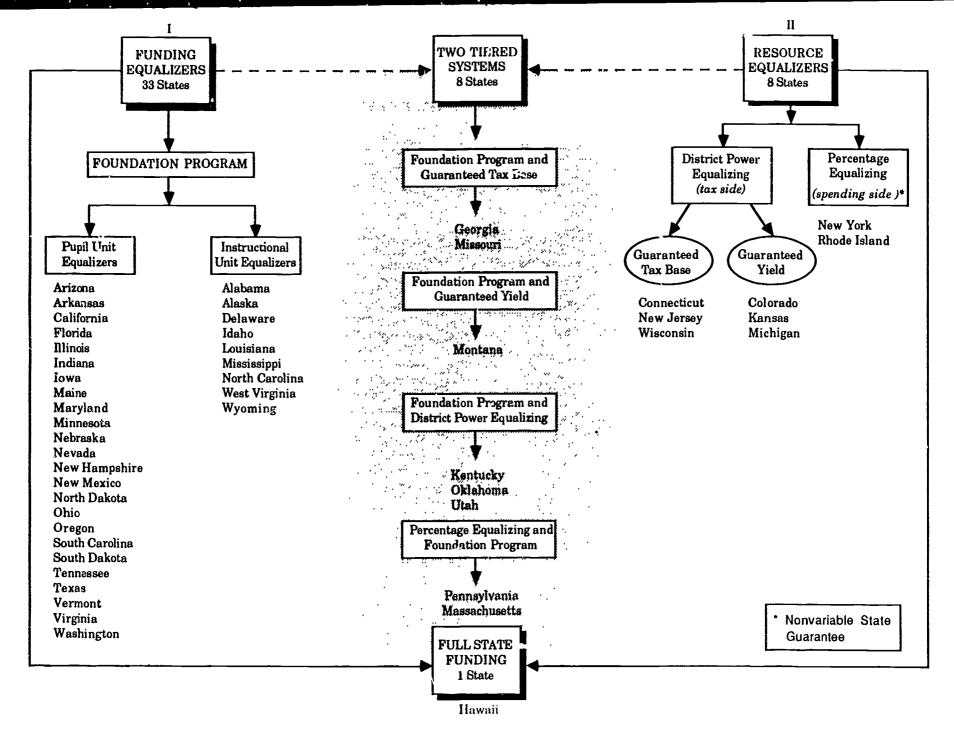
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THE BASIC FORMULA





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DESCRIPTION OF FORMULA

ALABAMA

Foundation program based on instructional units; 1 unit is provided for each 28 pupils in ADA. The foundation guarantee per unit is a function of average salaries for each major classification of staff plus an amount of \$3,933.35 per unit for current expenses other than salaries. RLE is 10 mills.

ALASKA

Foundation program based on instructional units has been suspended for 1987-88 school year pending the development of a new school finance formula. State aid is a flat grant per pupil in ADM based on a district's average expenditure per pupil for a previous school year. No RLE required to receive basic state aid.

ARIZONA

Block grant for maintenance and operation is based on weighted pupil units. A District Support Level (DSL) and Revenue Control Limit are determined for each district by multiplying total weighted pupils by a foundation guarantee per pupil (\$2,141.75 for FY88) plus allowable transportation costs. Basic equalization aid is the lesser of RCL or DSL minus local property tax revenue. Qualifying tax range is 23.6 mills for K-8 and 9-12 districts; 47.2 mills for K-12 districts.

ARKANSAS

The foundation program is based on ADM for K-12 and weighted pupil units for special education, vocational education and gifted and talented. School districts receive an amount per WADM equal to the difference between the state guarantee per WADM (1,795.36 for 1987-88) and the local resources (charged) per WADM. Local resources are 19 mills for real property and 45 mills for personal property, utilities and regulated carriers. Districts must spend 70% of their net current revenue on certified staff or be at the average of the states surrounding Arkansas.

CALIFORNIA

Funding is based on a historically derived Base Revenue Limit (BRL) per pupil in ADA. For 1987-88, BRLs are increased by flat dollar amounts, adjusted by district type (see grade level differences) and further adjusted as needed to bring low expenditure districts toward statewide average BRL. Each district receives a constitutionally prescribed flat grant of \$120 per ADA or \$2,400, whichever is greater plus their statutorily prescribed share of local property tax revenues. RLE is the pro rata share of a countywide 1% property tax. To the extent that the above sources are insufficient to fund the district's total revenue limit (BRL plus categorical programs), it receives additional state aid.

COLORADO

Guarantee yield program based on pupil units in ADA. For 1987 calendar year, the state guarantees a yield of \$66.33 per pupil per mill of local tax effort. Actual state aid depends on local tax effort and district wealth. A minimum state aid guarantee of \$10.00 per mill per pupil exists for districts that raise more money per pupil than \$66.33.



DESCRIPTION OF FORMULA

CONNECTICUT

The guarantee tax base program (GTB) is set at two standard deviations above the statewide average equalized valuation per capita. State aid to districts is based on wealth (measured in terms of property and personal income per capita in relation to the GTB), local tax effort and educational need (measured in ADM, weighted for AFDC pupils). There is no required local effort.

DELAWARE

State support provided in five major components. Division I support allocated on the basis of statewide salary schedule and state formulas for number of employees in each category. Division II is a flat grant per unit for pupils for other cos's, excluding personnel, transportation and debt service. Division III support allocated per unit on the basis of district wealth (minimum is \$1,395 per unit, the effective maximum is \$10,975 per unit). The state also pays 100% of transportation costs for eligible pupils and 60% of the debt service for most school construction.

FLORIDA

Foundation program based on weighted FTE pupils. Basic state support is calculated by multiplying the number of FTE pupils in each of 53 categories by cost factors. These weighted FTEs are multiplied by the base per pupil guarantee (\$2,160.43) for FY 88 and by district cost differentials to determine actual foundation guarantee per pupil. Districts are guaranteed a 7% increase in state support per FTE over FY 87. RLE is equalized for FY 88 with a range of millage rates using 5.158 mills for a state average. Districts adjust actual RLE based upon ratio of assessment to state average.

GEORGIA

Foundation program and guaranteed tax base program based on weighted FTE pupils. State provides difference between foundation amount set by the state minus local share, which is the amount raised locally by levying 5 mills on the 40% equalized property tax digest. For each mill raised above the 5 mills (up to 3 mills), the state will pay the difference needed in the per pupil amount for each WFTE to bring the amount raised per pupil equal to amount per pupil at the 90th percentile.

HAWAII

Hawaii is the only state with a single unified public school system.

The legislature and the governor exercise fiscal control over all expenditures for public education. General and special state funds are generated through state sales, personal income and corporate income taxes.

IDAHO

Foundation program based on instructional units. Each district is guaranteed \$32,781 per instructional unit for 1987-88 from a combination of state and local revenues. State support is the sum of the instructional units times the guarantee per unit less the local contribution. Local school districts contribute a dollar amount equal to .30% of their prior year's assessed valuation. Pupil count is based on ADA; the ADA determines instructional units.



DESCRIPTION OF FORMULA

ILLINOIS

Districts receive general aid from 1 of 3 formulas, whichever provides the greatest amount. Equalization aid is provided through a guaranteed tax base (GTB) formula where both the GTB and qualifying tax rates may vary according to district type. A foundation formula provides each district with an amount per weighted pupil in ADA between 7% and 13% of the state foundation level. A third formula provides a flat grant equal to 7% of the state foundation level. For 1987-1988, the foundation level is \$2,048.07.

INDIANA

Basic foundation formula is adjusted biennually by the legislature. Distribution from the formula is on calendar year basis to coincide with property tax levy assessment and collection. The revenue base consists of prior year state support plus the prior year levy. The base is adjusted by a mean foundation factor that will provide a measure of equalization through 1994. Foundation factor base amount is currently \$2,550. For 1988, formula guarantees 5% increase in the total base revenue over prior year. All districts are guaranteed \$2300 per pupil in ADM. For 1988, the formula also provides for full state funding for an additional 2.5 days over a base of 175 days.

IOWA

Foundation program based on FTE pupil units. The state guarantees \$2,250 per pupil from a combination of state and local revenues. State aid is the difference between a district's total foundation cost and a RLE of 20 mills.

KANSAS

Guaranteed yield program based on FTE pupil units. Each district is guaranteed a yield of an approved cost per pupil when its local contribution is 1.867% of its wealth, adjusted by a factor that represents the ratio of its cost per pupil to a normed cost per pupil for its enrollment category. State aid is the difference between the approved per pupil operating budget and the sum of revenues from local property taxes, the income tax rebate, PL 874 receipts and motor vehicle tax receipts.

KENTUCKY

A 2-tiered equalization approach. A foundation program based on instructional units provides between \$16,100 to \$26,080 per unit based on a statewide teacher salary schedule; \$5,110 per unit for current expenses; \$1,800 per unit for capital outlay; plus a formula allotment for pupil transportation (1986-87). The state funds the total cost of the foundation program. A power equalization allotment is set at the county district with the highest equalized value of property per pupil. Districts must levy \$.25 equivalent tax rate to receive any "new money" above 1986-87 allotment.

LOUISIANA

Foundation program based on instructional units. The state provides an amount per instructional unit according to a statewide teacher salary schedule. Actual state support varies with training and experience of teachers and district wealth. RLE is 5.5 mills. Pupil count is ADM.

STATE DESCRIPTION OF FORMULA

MAINE Foundation program based on pupil units. Under the foundation

program, the state guarantees \$2,030 per elementary pupil and \$2,703 per secondary pupil from state and local revenues. A local contribution of 9.13 mills times local assessed valuation is assumed in determining actual state foundation aid. Pupil count determined by average number

of resident pupils on October 1 and April 1.

MARYLAND Foundation program based on pupil units in FTE. The state quarantees

\$1,846 from a combination of state and local sources. RLE is a percentage

of property valuation and taxable income.

MASSACHUSE TTS Combination percentage equalizing and foundation program based on

weighted FTE pupil. The foundation level is set at the statewide average expenditure per weighted FTE pupil. State aid is calculated by applying a state-determined factor to the ratio of local-to-state wealth. This adjusts current year state aid to current year state funding level. Remaining operating expenditure raised locally. Districts spending

below 85% statewide average per pupil expenditure receive grants of 1/6

difference each year until minimum amount reached.

MICHIGAN Guaranteed yield program based on pupil units in ADM. State guarantees

\$75.10/mill/pupil for 1987-88 from a combination of state and local revenues plus a flat grant of \$306. Incentive aid provided to qualifying districts that adopt certain standards, defined by state. Actual state aid equal to gross allowance guaranteed minus yield of district's mill

levy times its equalized assessed valuation/pupil.

MINNESOTA A multitiered foundation program based on weighted pupils in ADM.

Two are described here. A district's basic foundation aid is equal to the difference between the basic foundation revenue (\$1720 times total pupil units) and the basic foundation levy (22.7 mills times district equalized assessed value). Under the cost differential tier, school districts are guaranteed varying amounts per pupil unit, depending on sparsity and teacher training and experience. The state pays the same percentage of a district's cost differential tier revenue as it have of

the district's basic foundation revenue.

MISSISSIPPI Foundation program based on instructional units. The foundation

guarantee for each district averages \$28,000 per unit and is a function

of the number of certificated teachers and other staff earned

according to a schedule for computing instructional units (see grade level differences). Actual foundation program cost varies with training

and experience of staff. A flat grant of \$3,175 is included in

foundation guarantee for support services. The local contribution is the

county index times \$17 million (see measure of local ability to support

schools). Pupil count is ADA.



DESCRIPTION OF FORMULA

MISSOURI

Foundation program with guaranteed tax base (GTB) add-on. Foundation guarantee is the total number of eligible pupils, including AFDC and orphan pupils (weighted .25) times 75% of the statewide average expenditure per pupil for the 2nd preceding school year. Eligible pupils is an average of total membership and average daily attendance. RLE is 15.3 mills plus 57% of revenues from fines, forfeitures and escheats plus 57% of intangible tax receipts plus 57% of education earmarked 1 cent state sales tax. GTB is the equalized assessed valuation at the 90th percentile of pupils (\$66,682 for FY 87). The difference between district wealth per pupil and the GTB times the effective local tax rate determines the amount of GTB aid. A cost of education index is used for further adjustment.

MONTANA

Foundation program based on pupil units plus a guaranteed yield program. Under the foundation program, the state guarantees \$1,680 to \$1,196 dependent on size per elementary pupil and \$3,828 to \$1,594 dependent on size per secondary pupil from a combination of state and local revenues. Required local effort is 28 mills for elementary and 17 mills for high school districts. Under the guaranteed yield program, the state provides additional amounts per pupil to elementary districts that levy up to 6 mills above RLE and to high school districts that levy up to 4 mills above RLE.

NEBRASKA

State aid consists of three parts: (1) foundation aid is based upon resident enrollment -- \$149 for kindergarten, \$298 for grades 1-6, \$358 for 7-8, and \$417 for 9-12. (2) Incentive aid pays \$150 to \$350 for each instructional person according to degree level. In addition, \$18 per pupil is payable for summer school. (3) Equalization aid guarantees each school system \$495 for kindergarten, \$989 for grades 1-6, \$1,187 for 7-8 and \$1,385 for 9-12, from sources of state aid, certain regular school district receipts and a property valuation yield of \$.28 or \$.42 (per \$100) depending on school system class.

NEVADA

Foundation program based on weighted pupil units. The foundation guarantee ranges from \$2,331 to \$4,442 per weighted pupil depending on district wealth and the amount of local revenue per pupil raised outside the foundation program in relation to statewide average revenues outside the foundation program. State aid is the difference between total program costs (total weighted pupils times district foundation guarantee) and the required local contribution. RLE is the yield from \$.015 sales tax plus a 2.5 mill property tax.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Aid based on: (1) average costs per pupil for 8 education programs; (2) district's projected education cost and fiscal capacity (equalization factor). Equalization factor based on: (1) ratio of state average equalized valuation per weighted pupil to local equalized valuation;



DESCRIPTION OF FORMULA

NEW HAMPSHIRE

(Continued)

(2) ratio of state per-capita income to local per-capita income; (3) tax rate and revenue raised locally. State share is equalization factor times share state will pay for average wealth district (8% in 1987-88).

NEW JERSEY

Guaranteed tax base approach based on pupil units. State aid is the greater of two alternative calculations: (1) a state support ratio is computed for each district on the basis of local wealth relative to the GTB (\$331,457 for 1987-88). This ratio is applied to the lesser of the prior year's net current expense budget or the state support limit (a dollar amount that varies by district type times the district's resident enrollment); (2) the state support ratio is calculated from a "minimum aid" tax base (\$2,511,821 for 1987-88). This ratio is applied to 10% of the state support limit as defined in (1). Pupil count is ADM.

NEW MEXICO

Foundation program based on weighted pupil units in MEM. The guarantee per weighted pupil is \$1,689 for 1987-88. State foundation aid is equal to the sum of weighted pupil units times \$1,689 minus 95% of designated local revenues (PL 874 plus forest reserve revenue).

NEW YORK

Percentage equalizing formula using a combined wealth measure of property and taxable income. A district's aid ratio is based on the sum of 50% of its full property value per total weighted pupil units compared to the state average of \$108,400 and 50% of its income per total weighted pupil units compared to the state average of \$55,700. This aid ratio is applied to a per pupil ceiling of \$3,576. For 1987-88, the state share for a district of average wealth is 36%. Supplemental support aid is also provided \$114.15 plus (50 times operating aid ratio) times weighted pupils. Districts above the state average wealth per pupil are reimbursed for a smaller percentage while districts below the state average are reimbursed for a larger percentage.

NORTH CAROLINA

Foundation program based on instructional units. The state provides between \$14,080 and \$29,120 per instructional unit based on a statewide teacher salary schedule. Additional support is provided for administrative personnel and teacher aides. There is no required local contribution. Pupil count is ADM.

NORTH DAKOTA

Foundation program based on weighted pupil units in ADA. \$1,400 for 1987-88 per pupil and \$1,412 per pupil for 1988-89 is guaranteed. This amount is adjusted by factors ranging from .45 to 1.70 (see grade level differences) depending on school type and size. A local contribution of 20 mills against assessed property valuation is assumed in determining actual state aid allocation.

OHIO

Foundation program based on pupil units in ADM. \$2,280 per pupil is guaranteed from state and local sources. This amount is adjusted by a county cost factor ranging from 1.000 to 1.075 to compensate for differences in salaries and wage rates among districts. RLE is 20 mills.



DESCRIPTION OF FORMULA

OKLAHOMA

Two-tiered system: foundation program based on weighted pupil units in ADA plus a power equalizing program based on weighted pupil units in ADM. Under the foundation program, the state pays \$945 per pupil from state and local revenues. State aid is the difference between the foundation program cost and the local contribution. RLE is 15 mills. The power equalizing program provides an additional \$38.99 per mill per pupil for each mill levied above 15 mills.

OREGON

Foundation program based on pupil units in ADM. For 1986-87, the state guarantees the lesser of a district's approved costs or \$2,796 per pupil in ADM from state and local sources. Each district receives a basic grant equal to a uniform percentage of its total program cost (about 25%). Equalization aid is then computed for each district as the difference between approved total program costs and the sum of the basic state grant, district receipts from federal forest fees, common school fund receipts and required local tax effort. RLE varies for each district as a function of its approved per pupil program costs.

PENNSYLVANIA

Combination of percentage equalizing and foundation approaches based on weighted pupil units in ADM. District aid ratio is the ratio of district to statewide average wealth as measured by both property valuation and personal income (see measure of local ability to support schools). Basic state aid is the product of each district's aid ratio times its weighted ADM times a foundation guarantee (\$2125 for 1987-88).

RHODE ISLAND

Percentage equalizing program based on pupil units in ADM. A state support ratio is determined for each district by comparing the wealth of the district to the wealth of the state. This ratio is applied to \$2800 per pupil to determine the state share of program costs. A minimum state share of 28% is guaranteed.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Foundation program based on weighted pupil units in ADM. For 1987-88, the state guarantees \$1,341 from a combination of state and local sources. Required local contribution is equal to an index of local ability (see measure of local ability to support schools) times 30% of the statewide cost of the foundation program.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Foundation program based on the level of "formula" expenditure per pupil. A greater local effort is required as the expenditure level per pupil increases. A decrease in aid limited to 90% of previous year's aid. An increase is limited to 105% of previous year's aid.

TENNESSEE

Foundation program based on weighted pupil units in ADA. State provides 92.5% of the funds for the foundation program, defined as the sum of the following product for each district: the number of weighted pupils, the statewide average foundation program cost and the district



DESCRIPTION OF FORMULA

TENNESSEE (cont.)

teacher training and experience factor. The remaining 7.5% of cost is paid by local districts in proportion to their share of state property wealth.

TEXAS

Foundation program based on \$1,350 per weighted pupil in ADA. The basic allocation is adjusted by a price differential index that reflects geographic variations in cost. Local districts contribute 33.3% of the cost of the program. The local contribution is distributed among the districts on the basis of the value of the property in the district, resulting in a chargeback of approximately \$29 million. Up to an additional 30% of the cost of this program is added to a district's state aid in proportion to the degree to which the property value per ADA in the district is less than 110% of the state average.

UTAH

Foundation program based on weighted pupil units plus a guaranteed yield program. The state guarantees \$1,204 per unit. State aid is the foundation amount x the number of weighted pupil units minus the yield of a 21.28 mill local property tax. \$19 per weighted pupil unit for the first 2 mills and \$4 per weighted pupil unit for an additional 8 mills beyond the required 21.28 mills is also guaranteed. Pupil count is ADM.

VERMONT

During the 1986-87 legislative session, Vermont enacted a foundation program based on weighted two-year ADM to take effect for the 1987-88 school year. Basic aid is calculated as the difference between each school district's total foundation cost and its foundation levy. Total foundation cost is determined by multiplying the weighted ADM by the foundation cost per pupil. The foundation levy represents the amount of taxes a standard effective tax effort (the foundation tax rate) would raise. For FY 88, the foundation cost per pupil (after weighting) is \$2,800 and the foundation tax rate is \$1.27 on 1% of the aggregate fair market value of all taxable property within each school district.

VIRGINIA

Foundation program based on pupil units in ADM. Basic program cost is determined by multiplying total ADM by the foundation guarantee (\$2,254 in 1987-88). From this is subtracted the district's share of a 1% state sales and use tax (sales tax dollars are rebated to districts on the basis of school-age population). Remaining cost is shared by the state and local district according to a composite index of ability to pay (see measure of local ability to support schools). The required local effort as determined by the index factor may not exceed 80% of remaining program cost.

WASHINGTON

Basic education program based on instructional, administrative and classified staff units. The state defines a basic education in terms of minimum contact hours and staffing ratios and fully funds this program. State support provides an amount per staff unit based on the average salary levels in school districts. Local school districts may supplement the basic program with local levies.



DESCRIPTION OF FORMULA

WEST VIRGINIA

Foundation program based on instructional units. The state provides salary support ranging from \$13,255 to \$24,109 per instructional unit based on a statewide teacher salary schedule. Support for service personnel ranges from \$822 to \$1,642 per month according to a statewide schedule. The state assumes a local contribution to foundation program costs of 4.5 mills on residential and farm valuation, 9.0 mills on other property.

WISCONSIN

Guaranteed tax base (GTB) approach that varies according to district type and expenditure level. For K-12 districts, the state GTB is \$283,800 per pupil for that portion of expenditures up to 110% of the 2nd prior year state average expenditure per pupil of \$3,860. For expenditures over 110%, the guarantee is the state average equalized valuation per pupil (\$172,100). For elementary and secondary districts, the guarantees are 1.5 and 3.0, respectively, times the K-12 values.

WYOMING

Foundation program based on instructional units. Allowable instructional units are computed for each district from schedules that vary by school size and grade level. State guarantees \$75,050 per unit from state and local so irces. RLE is 25 mills plus revenues from a 6 mill county levy, forest reserve funds. Taylor Grazing Act funds, county motor vehicle funds and state land income funds.



THE SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF SCHOOLS/SCHOOL DISTRICTS CONSIDERED BY SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEMS



STATE DENSITY/SPARSITY OR SMALL SCHOOLS

ALABAMA Does not apply.

ALASKA Does not apply.

ARIZONA Districts with less than 600 average daily membership (ADM) are

considered small and/or isolated and receive special weightings.

ARKANSAS Special weighting for districts with less than 360 ADM to be phased out

over three years beginning in 1987-88. Isolated districts are eligible to receive additional aid if their mill rates are equal to the state millage

charged on real property.

CALIFORNIA For necessary small schools (elementary schools with less than 101

ADA, high schools with less than 301, single high schools in unified districts, high schools exclusively for juvenile hall pupils or special education pupils), districts may elect to receive a statutorily prescribed dollar amount based on the number of ADA and the number of certified employees in lieu of revenue limit funding. Districts must be less than

2.501 ADA.

COLORADO If a district has more than 500 ADA per square mile and ADA exceeds

50,000, the equalization support is 103% of the guarantee per ADA (no district qualifies for 1987). Small schools receive additional state aid.

CONNECTICUT Towns in regional K-12 districts receive an additional \$25 per pupil in

general aid as a flat grant.

DELAWARE Does not apply.

FLORIDA Sparsely populated districts receive a supplement per FTE. Sparsity

supplements are multiplied by the district cost differential.

GEORGIA Isolated schools are allotted additional funds as well as sparsely populated

areas.

HAWAII Does not apply.

IDAHO Instructional unit allotments vary according to district size. Special

allowances are also made for funding of remote and necessary schools

through petition to the state board of education.

ILLINOIS Does not apply.

INDIANA Does not apply.



STATE DENSITY/SPARSITY OR SMALL SCHOOLS

IOWA State aid is provided for .5% of the time a pupil is instructed by a

teacher employed by another school district or instructed by a teacher who is jointly employed. If substantial number of pupils share more

than one class or teacher, weighting reduced to 1/10.

KANSAS Higher budget per pupil is permitted in low-enrollment districts.

KENTUCKY Prior year end-of-year ADA is used to calculate foundation program units.

LOUISIANA The number of pupils needed to earn an instructional unit varies by

school size for schools with fewer than 413 ADM.

MAINE Grants are provided for geographically isolated districts and small

administrative units.

MARYLAND Does not apply.

MASSACHUSETTS Does not apply.

MICHIGAN Does not apply.

MINNESOTA Districts with high schools having fewer than 500 secondary pupils in

1980-81 and located in sparsely populated areas receive a supplemental

revenue allowance in the cost differential tier of the foundation

program. The amount of permitted revenue is a function of secondary enrollment, distance to the nearest high school and attendance area.

MISSISSIPPI Does not apply.

MISSOURI Prior year student count or three-year average of prior years.

MONTANA For elementary schools with fewer than 300 pupils and high schools

with fewer than 600 pupils, additional state aid is provided by

weighting the actual number of pupils enrolled.

NEBRASKA To districts that qualify for equalization aid, the percentage of 10%,

20%, 30% or 40% is added to the to all basic need calculation for

districts that have 4, 3, 2 or 1 person per square mile.

NEVADA Weights for small schools and urban areas.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Does not apply.

NEW J'ERSEY Does not apply.



DENSITY/SPARSITY OR SMALL SCHOOLS

NEW MEXICO

Schools with less than 200 elementary pupils, districts with less than 200 or 400 high school pupils, districts with over 10,000 ADM but less than 4,000 ADM per high school, districts with less than 4,000 total

ADM, all qualify for additional aid.

NEW YORK

Does not apply.

NORTH CAROLINA

A special allotment is paid for isolated school populations.

NORTH DAKOTA

High schools with up to 550 pupils receive up to a .70 extra weighting per pupil: 1-teacher elementary schools receive a weighting of 1.30; small

elementary schools are weighted between .90 and 1.00.

OHIC

Extra per pupil subsidy for three small Lake Erie Island school districts.

OKLAHOMA

Density factor is accounted for in transportation, supplement. School district size of 500 or less ADA of ADM is weighted in foundation formula.

OREGON

Approved necessary small schools of less than 100 students. Elementary schools must be more than 10 miles from nearest elementary school. High schools must be more than 15 miles from nearest high school.

PENNSYLVANIA

Qualifying districts get percent of their instructional costs based on populations per square mile 4,000 - population, 1%; 4,000-5,949 population, 3%; 5,950 +, 5%. Two exceptions: (1) districts with populations per square mile of 5,950 + and student population over 35,000 WADM get 19%; (2) qualifying districts with populations per square mile below 4,000 persons and are central cities of Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas get 3%. Aid provided to small districts with ADMs equal to or less than 1,500 and aid ratio equal to or greater

than 5,000.

RHODE ISLAND

Does not apply.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Does not apply.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Smaller school districts have a larger mill deduction.

TENNESSEE

Does not apply.

TEXAS

Basic allotment is increased by a percent proportional to difference between district's ADA and 1,600 ADA. Percent increase greater for districts having over 300 square miles. Districts having below 130 ADA use a minimum ADA depending on actual ADA, grades taught and distance to nearest school.

UTAH

Additional units are provided for necessary small schools below 165 elementary ADM, 389 junior high ADM, 417 high school ADM and 722 for six-vear secondary school ADM.



STATE DENSITY/SPARSITY OR SMALL SCHOOLS

VERMONT A special study has been commissioned to determine if the costs of

transportation (or relative density/sparsity) should be included as a

weighting factor.

VIRGINIA Does not apply.

WASHINGTON For remote and necessary elementary schools and small school districts

with less than 100 pupils and high schools with less than 300 pupils, additional units are allocated depending on grade level and required

pupil-staff ratios.

WEST VIRGINIA Does not apply.

WISCONSIN Does not apply.

WYOMING If there is an increase of 10% or 100 ADM in any category, instruc-

tional units will be recalculated. The ADM count is based on the 60th

day of school.



STATE DECLINING ENROLLMENT OR GROWTH

ALABAMA Use of prior year pupil count as floor, with growth in ADA earning

current units.

ALASKA Does not apply.

ARIZONA Rapidly declining district's pupil count cannot decrease more than 5%

from the prior year. Growing school districts that experience a significant change in their growth patterns may be eligible to

recalculate their budget limits and eligibility for financial assistance.

ARKANSAS Does not apply.

CALIFORNIA Districts choose the greater of current or prior year ADA. In 1987-88.

any ADA increase over 1982-83 level is paid at 105% of the base revenue limit or the 1987-88 statewide average base revenue limit or

district base revenue limit, whichever is less.

COLOPADO Declining enrollment districts use either of the last two pupil counts or

the average of the last four counts to determine number of pupils funded.

CONNECTICUT Does not apply.

DELAWARE Districts guaranteed 93% of pupil units enrolled in previous year.

FLORIDA Districts receive additional state aid for 50% of the decline in unweighted

FTE over the previous year at previous year value per FTE.

GEORGIA Average of three most recent FTE counts for each program with a mid-

year adjustment the following year.

HAWAII Does not apply.

IDAHO In a school district that has a decrease in total ADA of 1% or more

over the previous year, state aid shall be based on previous year's ADA

less 1%.

ILLINOIS Greater of 1986-87 best three months WADA or the three-year average

WADA for 1984-1985, 1985-1986, and 1986-1987.

INDIANA A school district experiencing enrollment growth is provided an adjust-

ment based on increase in ADM and a percent increase generated in

other calculations.

IOWA 25% of 1978 enrollment plus 75% of the greater of 1985 or 1986 enrollment.



STATE DECLINING ENROLLMENT OR GROWTH

KANSAS Prior year enrollment may be used if district enrollment declines

between 4% and 10%, based on a sliding enrollment scale. If the decline is greater than the applicable specified percentage, the budget must be based on prior year's enrollment less the number of pupils in

the current year by which the percentage is exceeded.

KENTUCKY Does not apply.

LOUISIANA Does not apply.

MAINE Grants are provided for unusual enrollment increases or decreases.

MARYLAND Does not apply.

MASSACHUSETTS Does not apply.

MICHIGAN Does not apply.

MINNESOTA Districts with decline in total pupil units from the prior year are

permitted a supplemental levy that is equalized by the state. A district's declining pupil unit revenue is equal to the decline in pupil units from the prior year, divided by 30, multiplied by the state average salary for beginning teachers, multiplied by the district's teacher training and

experience index.

MISSISS.PPI Pupil count is the larger of the current year's ADA divided by 27 or

the previous year's ADA divided by 27.

MISSOURI Does not apply.

MONTANA Prior year's enrollment is guaranteed.

NEBRASKA Districts qualifying for equalization aid that show a decrease in enrollment

of more than 2% may add such percentage to the basic needs total.

Districts qualifying for equalization aid that reflect increased

enrollment by 1/2% or more during the school year may add such percentage to the basic needs total. A 10% maximum is applicable to

both situations.

NEVADA Guarantees payment based on 100% of previous year's enrollment if

current enrollment is less.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Does not apply.

NEW JERSEY Does not apply.

NEW MEXICO Does not apply.



<u>SYATE</u> <u>DECLINING ENROLLMENT OR GROWTH</u>

NEW YORK The percentage by which ADA of first half of current year exceeds

ADA for same period of base year is applied to operating aid to generate growth aid, which is paid in addition to base formula aid. Districts with declining enrollment may select higher of base year p⁷ pil

count or a two-year average pupil count in operating aid formula.

NORTH CAROLINA Does get apply.

NORTH DAKOTA Does not apply.

OHIO Basic aid formula uses the highest ADM of the current year or the

average of the current year + the two preceding years.

OKLAHOMA Best of last two years' ADA and ADM are used.

OREGON Grant of 75% of difference between December resident ADM and

previous year's resident ADM x basic grant per ADM = decline

paymant. Growth grant based on 100% of difference.

PENNSYLVANIA Does not apply.

RHODE ISLAND Does not apply.

SOUTH CAROLINA Does not apply.

SOUTH DAKOTA Does not apply.

TENNESSEE Does not apply.

TEXAS Does not apply.

UTAH Does not apply.

VERMONT Studen, ADM is averaged over a two-year period.

VIRGINIA Does not apply.

WASHINGTON Does not apply.

WEST VIRGINIA Does not apply.

WISCONSIN Does not apply.

WYOMING District loss of 100 ADM or 10% may be added.



ASSISTANCE FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY AND TRANSPORTATION



CAPITAL OUTLAY AND/OR DEBT SERVICE

ALABAMA

\$58.50 per teacher unit. Bonded indebtedness may not exceed 80% of estimated annual local tax receipts in a given year for a district.

ALASKA

80% reimbursement of local debt service for cost of school construction and additions, and other approved projects that exceed \$25,000.

ARIZONA

Districts calculate a Capital Outlay Revenue Limit and in most cases receive state aid based on an amount per prior year student count (ADM). Rates are based on size of district and vary from \$197.66 to \$238.50 for K-8 and \$234.59 to \$288.41 for 9-12. This money can be used in capital outlay or maintenance and operation. Districts calculate a Capital Levy Revenue Limit and in most cases receive state aid based on an amount per prior year student count ADM). Rates are based on size of district and vary from \$153.57 to \$185.53 for K-8 and 9-12. This money can only be used for capital outlay.

ARKANSAS

N/A

CALIFORNIA

Since 1982, the state has sold \$1,750 million of general obligation bonds for school construction and modernization. As of December 1987, the proceeds of these bond sales will be fully committed. The State currently estimates a school capital outlay need for over one billion dollars a year over the next decade. It is further estimated that 15% to 20% of this need will be met from local revenues, while the residual will have to be met from sources as yet unidentified.

As local agencies repay loans made from bond funds any repayment in excess of the amount required to retire the debt is made available to local agencies as matching funding for deferred maintenance. This has provided approximately \$65 million a year towards reduction of the deferred maintenance backlog.

COLORADO

Bonding limit is 205 of assessed valuation. In rapidly growing enrollment districts, 25% of assessed valuation is the limit.

CONNECTICUT

40% - 80% of approved projects, inversely related to district wealth. In regional districts the state pays up to 10% more on an equalized basis but such districts may not receive more than 85% reimbursement. Bonded indebtedness may not exceed 450% of the annual receipts of taxes for the fiscal year preceding the issue.

DELAWARE

60% of approved projects. 100% for special schools and for vocational schools. Bond issue must be approved by the state. Bonded indebtedness is limited to 10% of the assessed valuation of the district.



STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY AND/OR DEBT SERVICE

FLORIDA State allocates capital outlay funds based on percentage of FTE

membership and growth in FTE membership. Bond levies may not exceed

6 mills without state board of education approval.

GEORGIA Grants based on increased growth and consolidation. Bonded indebtedness

may not exceed 10% of a school district's total assessed property

valuation.

HAWAII Legislature appropriates funds for entire capital improvements program

on a project by project basis.

IDAHO Bonded indebtedness may not exceed 5% of total assessed market value

of property.

ILLINOIS Authorizing legislation exists in capital outlay and debt service.

Approximately \$67 million in capital outlay funds was appropriated for

Fiscal Year 1988.

INDIANA Each district is provided a flat grant of \$40 per pupil in average daily

attendance (ADA — a 15 day count taken in the fall). Two separate loan funds provide qualifying corporations with limited construction funds at interest rates below the prevailing rates. Bonded indebtedness is limited to 2% of assessed property valuation and must be approved by local

taxpayers.

IOWA Bonded indebtedness is limited to 5% of assessed property value.

KANSAS Districts budgeting a capital outlay levy of at least 3.5 mills may transfer

additional monies from their current operating budgets to special capital outlay budgets. Expenditures for acquisition of equipment and building repair may come directly from current operating budgets. Bonded debt limit is 14% of assessed property valuation unless approved by the State

Board of Education.

KENTUCKY \$1,800 per classroom unit. School Facilities Construction Commission

issues and shares cost of bonds and interest with qualifying school districts. Limit on bonded debt set by department of education.

Limit for bonded indebtedness is 25% of assessed property valuation in

the district. No state aid is provided. Local tax elections held in ward

or school district.

MAINE All approved expenditures for school construction are subsidizable by the

State. Bonded debt limit is 15% of assessed property valuation for

municipalities and 10% of property valuation for districts.

MARYLAND All costs except land and local debt service prior to 1971. There is no

debt limit except in charter counties where the debt limit is 10% of the

assessed property valuation of the district.



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STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY AND/OR DEBT SERVICE

MASSACHUSETTS Aid is distributed on a percentage equalizing basis. Districts receive a

percentage of the total expenditures per school-attending child. these percentages vary according to the property wealth of each district. The state also aids 50% of debt service. Bonding limit is 2.5% of equalized

assessed property value in cities and 5% in towns.

MICHIGAN N/A

MINNESOTA Districts may levy the lesser of 9 mills or \$130 per pupil unit for general

capital outlay. Districts may also levy for hazardous substance capital outlay (asbestos, PCB's). State aids are provided to equalize the amounts

raised by the levies. There is also a limited loan program to assist districts with high debt service effort.

districts with high debt service effort.

MISSISSIPPI State provides \$18 per year per pupil in ADA. Bonded indebtedness limit

is 15% of assessed property valuation. Additional authority for Notes and Certificates of indebtedness is limited to amount 3 mills tax levy for 10

years will repay, including interest.

MISSOURI State aid for capital outlay limited to vocational programs and nonspecific

general aid. Exception was a one-time set of state matching grants for

the purchase of microcomputers.

State aid for debt service is limited to <u>no</u> interest loans for certain energy projects. Bonded indebtedness may not exceed 10 percent of

assessed property value.

MONTANA Bonded indebtedness may not exceed 29% of taxable property value of

district.

NEBRASKA Statutorily, bonding limits on Class I and Class II districts are limited to

14 percent of the actual valuation of all district property. There are no

limits on Class III, IV, V or VI school districts.

NEVADABonded indebtedness may not exceed 15% of assessed valuation.

NEW HAMPSHIRE 30% - 50% of annual payment of bonded principal for approved projects.

Debt limit varies for cities and regional districts. Town school districts are limited to 7% of local assessed valuation. Cooperative school districts can go to 10% of assessed valuation. General court action allows some

districts to go to 12%.

NEW JERSEY Equalized to wealth of district for debt service and capital outlay of

previous year. Bonding debt limit varies according to district type. K-12 districts are limited to 4% of total average equalized value of real property. Regional districts (9-12) and (K-8) districts limited to 3%, (K-

6) 2.5%, (7-12) 3.5%, and first class cities 8%.



CAPITAL OUTLAY AND/OR DEBT SERVICE

NEW MEXICO

Guarantee of \$35 per mill per program unit less 2 mills, other by application. Bonding limit of 6% of net assessed property valuation. Mill levy of (10) less 2 mills and debt service.

NEW YORK

Aid is provided for approved building expenses including both debt service and capital outlay. Formula "equalizes" based on real property wealth of district. Limits for bonded indebtedness are based on relationship of debt to full value of district. Limit is 10% of property valuation for noncity school districts and New York City; 5% for city schools under 125,000 population and 9% for city school districts over 125,000.

NORTH CAROLINA

State Literary Loan fund provides maximum \$300,000 loan to districts at 6% interest. Bonded indebtedness is limited to 8% of total assessed valuation of county.

NORTH DAKOTA

Bonds may be issued by districts to purchase, enlarge, erect and improve school buildings. 60% majority vote required. State school construction fund also created. Qualifying districts can receive up to 30% of taxable assessed valuation not to exceed \$1 million. Bonding limit is 15% of taxable assessed valuation.

OHIO

Permissible local bonded indebtedness is 9% of assessed property valuation. State helps subsidize school bus purchases, vocational education equipment replacement, and vocational construction.

OKLAHOMA

Bonded indebtedness cannot exceed 10% of total assessed valuation.

OREGON

Bonding limit is .55% of total true cash value per grade for grades K-8. The limit is .75% per grade for grades 9-12.

PENNSYLVANIA

Approved cost of project; also for rental of facility. The limit for school district indebtedness is based on the level of the borrowing base which is the average of a district's total revenues for the 3 years preceding the year in which such debt will be incurred. Nonvoted debt cannot exceed 250% of the borrowing base, except in Philadelphia where the limitation is 100%. The limitation goes to 300% of the base when new lease rental debt is included (150% in Philadelphia).

RHODE ISLAND

Minimum of 30% of capital outlay expenditures, depending on housing aid ratio plus 75% of difference between debt service costs and yield of a 3 mill tax. Municipal limit for bonded indebtedness is 3% of assessed valuation and this requires voter approval. Beyond that limit, approval of legislature and board of regents is required. All new projects under formula similar to operations aid. Incentive bonus for energy conservation, handicapped access and asbestos removal, and regional districts.



STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY AND/OR DEBT SERVICE

SOUTH CAROLINA \$30 per pupil enrolled in grades 1-12, \$15 per pupil enrolled in

kindergarten. Bonded indebtedness limited to 8% of assessed valuation unless a referendum is held for increase. In addition, the state budget provided \$4,820,000 for school building aid for 1987-88 under the educational reform program (Education Improvement Act of 1984).

SOUTH DAKOTA Bonding limit is 10% of a district's taxable property value less outstanding

bonds.

TENNESSEE The cost of capital outlay for the state as a whole is computed on the

basis of a per capita amount per pupil in average daily attendance during the preceding school year. It is assumed but not required that 42.5% of the aggregate cost of the program for the state will be available locally for capital outlay. The law provides that no county shall receive less state capital outlay funds than it received during the 1950-51 school year. Approximately 50% of this amount can be used for debt service.

TEXAS Bonding limit is 10% of assessed property value. Bonds may be

guaranteed by the Permanent School fund under certain conditions.

UTAH State pays greater of unmet critical needs or eligible amount under

continuing school building formula once revenue from 13.5 mills has been applied against district need. In order to qualify for critical building program, districts must levy 17.55 mills. Debt limit is 20% of assessed

property value of school district.

VERMONT The State pays 30% of the construction costs for approved projects.

Under the Foundation Plan, aid for debt service is <u>no longer</u> a standalone program paying 20% of a district's expenditures. Aid for debt expenditures is now a "supplemental aid" category with the state paying the same rate as the district's state share. State share is the percentage of the district's Total Foundation Cost which is covered by Basic Aid, and varies between 5% and 75%. Districts with pre-existing debt will

continue to receive 20% aid.

VIRGINIA Literary Fund loans are available from the state with a ceiling of \$2

million and with interest rates determined by a localities composite index (equalization mechanism). Virginia Public School Bonding Authority

(VPSBA) may guarantee loans under certain conditions.

WASHINGTON Approved projects on percentage equalizing basis, with 50% aid in average

wealth district; minimum 20%, maximum 90%; uniform space criteria is basis of need. Total debt limit is 5% of assessed property, 2.5% of which

is for capital construction.



STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY AND/OR DEBT SERVICE

WEST VIRGINIA Approved projects with a flat grant, an amount per student, plus the

amount per student times an assistance ratio comparing the bond potential of a district to the state. Bonding limit is 5% of school district assessed

valuation.

WISCONSIN Capital outlay financed directly from taxes is included in shared costs,

as is up to \$90 per pupil for long-term debt service. Debt is limited to 10% of equalized valuation in K-12 districts, 5% in other districts and

2% in Milwaukee.

WYOMING Foundation program under which the state provides the difference

t etween \$5,850 per classroom and the yield of a 4 mill district tax enfort. Emergency loans available when bonded debt is at least 75% of bonding capacity. Debt limit is 10% of assessed property valuation.



TRANSPORTATION

ALABAMA

Transportation costs are calculated on the basis of the ADA of transported pupils times the allowable cost per pupil per day and is funded through the foundation program.

ALASKA

Pupil transportation is reimbursed at 100% of approved costs and is funded separately from the foundation program.

ARIZONA

Districts calculate a Transportation Support Level and in most cases receive state aid based on prior year's daily route miles per student transported. Rates are \$1.70 per mile for districts with .5 miles per student or less, \$1.38 for .501 to 1 and \$1.70 for greater than 1.

Additional support is allowed for academic, vocational and technical education and athletic trips. This increase is determined by a factor based on district type and miles per student and varies from 15% to 30% over the support level calculated above. Approved daily route miles are multiplied by 175 days.

ARKANSAS

Average daily transported pupils (ADT) divided by the school district's area in square miles times rate per ADT plus unit nonresident aid.

CALIFORNIA

California districts receive reimbursement in the current year based on prior year approved transportation expenditures. If the district's prior year approved transportation expenditures are at least 95 percent of the prior year state allowance, the district receives 100 percent of the prior year allowance. If the district's prior year approved transportation expenditures are less than 95 percent of the state allowance, the district receives the certified percentage plus 5 percent.

COLORADO

\$.40 per mile traveled plus 25% of the difference between current operating expenses for pupil transportation and the amount determined by multiplying \$.40 times each mile traveled. Maximum reimbursement of 90% of reimbursable costs.

CONNECTICUT

State support is based on district wealth as defined for the guaranteed tax base formula. Support ranges from 20% of reimbursable costs to 60% from the prior year. Regional high school districts receive an additional 5% and regional K-12 districts receive an additional 10%.

DELAWARE

State provides total cost of transportation for K-6 pupils who reside over 1 mile from school and for 7-12 pupils who reside more than 2 miles from school.

FLORIDA

Aid is based on a formula that provides for an allowance per student cost based upon a density index of the number of transported pupils per bus route mile. Generally, pupils must live more than 2 miles from school to be counted and transported.

GEORGIA

State aid is provided according to a schedule of standard transportation costs and a schedule of variable transportation costs.



STATE TRANSPORTATION

HAWAII Funds for the transportation program are appropriated directly by the

legislature.

IDAHO District transportation support program is based on transporting pupils

1-1/2 miles or more to schools. The state funds 85% of the allowable cost

through the foundation program.

ILLINOIS For regular pupils, the state provides a minimum of \$16 per pupil or

actual eligible costs less a qualifying amount. For vocational and special education, 80% of allowable costs are reimbursed. Parents/guardians of pupils residing 1-1/2 miles or more from their attendance center or less than 1-1/2 miles if hazardous conditions exist and do not have access to free public transportation may file for a state grant (up to \$100 for 1987-

88).

INDIANA Regular transportation reimbursement is provided for all students who live

more than 1 mile from school. Formula is based on density of transported pupils per mile in the district and the ability of the district, based on assessed valuation, to share in transportation costs. Funding is also provided for vocational and special education students using a formula based on actual costs. The state share is limited by the amount appropriated by the legislature. All districts are guaranteed no less than the amount they received in 1975. State currently provides slightly more than 20% of total transportation costs. The local share is raised through

a separate fund tax rate.

IOWA Transportation is not categorically funded but is folded into the

foundation program.

KANSAS All districts transporting pupils living 2.5 miles or more from the school

receive 95% of the actual cost per pupil or the state average cost per pupil based on a formula which takes into account per pupil cost of transportation, density of the district in terms of pupils transported and

square miles in the district.

KENTUCKY Transportation allotment is based on pupil density and the average per

pupil per day cost of transporting for comparable districts. Total allotment cannot exceed funds appropriated for pupil transportation.

LOUISIANA Foundation program includes the actual cost of each state approved bus

route based state salary schedule and operational allowance.

MAINE Allocated in the school funding formula at 106% of allowable base year

costs. Individual subsidy rates vary from one school administrative unit

to another.

MARYLAND 100% of approved costs are reimbursed.



TRANSPORTATION

MASSACHUSETTS

The state reimburses spending for transportation at a rate dependent on the appropriation levels each year.

MICHIGAN

Transportation formula for 1987-88 based on: transportation staff per 100 pupils transported, bus capacity per pupil transported, transportation staff salary, amortization costs and authorized miles traveled per bus. If amount is less than district received in 1985-86 on a per pupil basis, the per pupil aid will be equal to amount determined by formula plus 50% of the difference per pupil between the formula amount and the amount received in 1985-86. Nonregular transportation (e.g., handicapped, during-day) is equal to 100 percent of actual cost. The state pays a percentage of this cost, and districts are permitted to make an equalized levy for the remaining cost.

MINNESOTA

Funding for regular to and from school transportation is computed using a cost prediction formula based on density and other district characteristics. State aid equals the adjusted predicted cost per pupil transported, times the number of pupils transported, minus the amount raised by a 2.25 mill property tax levy. To be counted for regular transportation category, elementary pupils (K-6) must reside more than one mile from school, and secondary pupils must reside more than two miles from school. Funding for nonregular transportation (e.g., handicapped, during-day) is equal to 100 percent of actual cost. The state pays a percentage of this cost, and districts are permitted to make an equalized levy for the remaining cost.

MISSISSIPPI

Based on transported ADA and a density formula and rate table. The rate table provides greater amounts per pupil in districts with fewer pupils per square mile. 1987-88 minimum rate is \$74.78; maximum rate os \$231.38 per transported in ADA.

MISSOURI

Reimbursement is 80% of allowable costs of transporting eligible pupils. It is limited by each district's efficiency factor. Districts above a statewide maximum cost factor which is statistically developed from the cost per pupil mile vs. miles per pupil per day (linear density) are adjusted downward, before multiplying by the 80 percent.

MONTANA

Shared by state, county and district by means of a statutory schedule of costs.

NEBRASKA

Districts receive an additional weighting of .25 for pupils who live more than 4 miles from schools. Reimbursement is only to districts that qualify for equalization aid.

NEVADA

\$140 per pupil transportation allowance is included in the basic support quarantee.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sending district is reimbursed by state at \$.08 per mile per pupil for vocational education pupils transported (to vocational education centers).



STATE TRANSPORTATION

NEW JERSEY 90% of approved costs are reimbursed based upon costs for the second

year preceding the budget year.

NEW MEXICO Funded at 100% with categorical appropriation based on a transportation

distribution formula to recognize the varied operating conditions and diversified factors throughout the state on an equitable basis, thus the

safety of students is not compromised by local district funding

priorities. Cost reports are required by statute and mid-year and end of year adjustments are made to fit actual need within the formula and

appropriation.

NEW YORK State aids 90% of approved transportation expenditures.

NORTH CAROLINA Local districts provide transportation services. State funds mechanics,

drivers' wages and bus replacement by providing an amount per pupil and

an amount per mile.

NORTH DAKOTA State reimburses school districts based on daily mileage. Districts are

reimbursed for vehicles transporting 10 or more pupils at a rate of \$.72 per mile plus \$.19 per day per transported pupil. Reimbursement for vehicles transporting 9 pupils or less is at the rate of \$.355 per mile each

year for the 1987-89 biennium.

OHIO State reimburses through foundation grant for partial costs of

transporting handicapped pupils, elementary pupils and secondary pupils more than one mile from school based on the number of pupils, average daily miles and type of transportation (includes transportation of such

pupils to nonpublic schools).

OKLAHOMA Aid is based on per capita transportation allowance and the number of

children transported. District allowance varies inversely with population

density.

OREGON Reimbursement for 1987-88 is approximately 55% of local district approved

transportation costs for the 1986-87 school year.

PENNSYLVANIA Regular reimbursement is determined by multiplying approved costs of

pupil transportation by the applicable ratio of the school district. Payments are also made for excessive cost to be determined by subtracting from approved costs the sum of the regular state reimbursement plus 1/2 mill times the district assessed valuation.

RHODE ISLAND Reimbursement for any approved transportation expenses is included as

a factor in the general aid formula.

SOUTH CAROLINA The state funds and monitors the entire transportation system. Local

districts hire bus drivers subject to state certification. Salaries and

training provided by the state.



STATE TRANSPORTATION

SOUTH DAKOTA Included in the state aid formula for regular pupils. For special

education, included as 50% of allowable costs for special education.

TENNESSEE 60% of total state appropriation allocated to districts on per pupil

transported 1-1/2 miles or more during the preceding year. 40% of state

appropriation allocated according to a country-to-state ratio of

geographical area in square miles.

TEXAS Allowable costs for transportation are included in the foundation program

> according to a linear density formula. Districts are grouped by density and reimbursed by the average cost per mile within each group. Handicapped transportation is funded at actual cost per mile with a legislated maximum. Vocational transportation is funded at actual cost per mile. Private regular and handicapped transportation is funded at a

rate under a legislated maximum.

UTAH State appropriates 100% of approved transportation costs. A categorical

amount for educational field trips is also provided.

VERMONT Expenditures by a school district for transportation reimbursed as a

"supplemental aid" category with the State paying the same rate as the

district's "state share."

For the current (1987-88) year, a separate appropriation was included to fund a special "foundation factors study" to specifically recommend how the foundation cost should be adjusted to reflect the additional costs encountered by districts with a large road network in relation to its

number of enrolled children, and how this factor should be measured.

VIRGINIA 40% of state allocation distributed on the basis of the number of

transported pupils; 40% on the number of miles traveled; 20% on the number of buses meeting state standards for regular transportation. In addition, state payments are made for the following: 60% of actual costs, not to exceed \$300 per pupil for handicapped pupils transported by special

arrangements; transit buses on a per pupil amount equal to regular

reimbursement; supplemental funding for the transportation of handicapped pupils on approved buses scheduled exclusively for the handicapped.

WASHINGTON 100% reimbursement of approved costs.

WEST VIRGINIA 80% of transportation cost within each county for maintenance operation.

related costs, exclusive of salaries.

WISCONSIN State transportation aid is paid at the following rates per pupil per

school year: 2-5 miles, \$30; 5-8 miles, \$45; 8-12 miles, \$60; 12-15 miles, \$68; 15-18 miles, \$75; over 18 miles, \$85. Hazardous-area transportation, 0-2 miles, \$12. Lower amounts for less than full-year

transportation.

TRANSPORTATION

WYOMING

Additional entitlement on foundation (75% of actual expense) and for purchase of school buses (1/6 actual cost for 4 years) and operation of daily routes. Maintenance of route buses.



ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL STUDENT POPULATIONS



ALABAMA Does not apply.

ALASKA The costs of services for exceptional pupils is included in basic state

support.

ARIZONA 9 weighted categories.

ARKANSAS 7 weighted categories.

CALIFORNIA The Master Plan for Special Education provides funding for instructional

personnel service units, support services and (where applicable) nonpublic, nonsectarian schooling sufficient to provide special education services for

approximately 10% of the total student population.

COLORADO The state reimburses for excess costs of special education programs.

Maximum reimbursement is 80%. The prorated payment is about 44% of

excess costs.

CONNECTICUT State support is based on district wealth as defined in the GTB formula.

Aid ranges from 30% of reimbursable costs for wealthiest district to 70%

of reimbursable costs for poorest districts.

DELAWARE Units for 12 categories are provided, ranging in size from four pupils per

unit to 15 pupils per unit.

FLORIDA Fifteen of the 53 weighted categories in the foundation program are for

exceptional pupils.

GEORGIA Four weighted categories for special education.

HAWAII Full state funding.

IDAHO 80% of ancillary salaries (special education teachers, psychologists,

psychological examiners, therapists and social works) is provided.

Additional support units are provided in foundation program.

ILLINOIS Flat grant of \$8,000 per certified special education employee and \$2,800

per approved noncertified employee is provided. Excess costs for severely

handicapped pupils in district-operated programs are aided up to a maximum of \$2,000 greater than a district's regular pupils' per capita

cost.

INDIANA Thirteen weighted categories in foundation program.

IOWA Three weighted categories are provided for special education pupils.



KANSAS 80% of special education transportation and costs is provided. \$14,069

in categorical aid per instructional unit is also provided.

KENTUCKY Extra classroom units are allotted per approved teacher, not to exceed

the total provided in the biennial budget. For each unit allocated, 7.2

ADA deducted from basic allocation.

LOUISIANA Additional instructional units are provided for 18 program categories.

This includes funding for assessment teachers, school psychologists, school

social workers and other certified personnel.

MAINE 106% of base year costs are allocated in FY 87-88.

MARYLAND Excess cost reimbursement for handicapped pupils.

MASSACHUSETTS Three pupil weighted categories are included in the foundation program.

MICHIGAN Districts may be reimbursed for up to 75% of added costs for most

programs subject to a capped appropriation and 100% for certain

programs.

MINNESOTA State categorical aid is provided for 66% of the salary of essential

personnel, not to exceed \$18,400 per FTE staff person, and for 47% of expenditures for special supplies and equipment, not to exceed \$47 per

handicapped child.

MISSISSIPPI Instructional unit add-on for approved class.

MISSOURI Reimbursement of \$13,989 per approved instructional unit of special

education, \$8,163 for approved classes of remedial reading.

MONTANA Allowable costs associated with special education programs are fully

reimbursed.

NEBRASKA Gifted pupils receive an additional weighting of 25% of basic needs by

grade level (districts qualifying for equalization aid).

NEVADA For 1987-88, districts receive one unit of special education support

(\$24,000) for every 150 pupils enrolled in the district.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Five weighted categories for special education.

NEW JERSEY Weighted pupils (13 categories) times the state average net current

expense per pupil.

NEW MEXICO Four weighted categories included in the foundation program.



NEW YORK Aid for Special Education pupils equals weighted resident pupils multiplied

by district approved operating expense per pupil, but not less than \$2,000 or more than \$4,200, multiplied by district Excess Cost Aid Ratio. Aid

is in addition to aid for operating expense.

NORTH CAROLINA State allocated aid for handicapped students on the lesser of June 1

headcount or 12.5% of total prior year ADM.

NORTH DAKOTA Districts are reimbursed; the excess over 2.5 times the state average cost

per pupil for students placed out-of-district for serviuss; 60% of the excess student transportation costs; 80% of boarding care costs; and varying rates for staff and contracted services per fee schedule.

OHIO A flat grant of \$7,400 per instructional unit plus salary (115% of state

minimum salary schedule) is awarded for special education and \$8,650 salary for vocational education units. \$1,525 per unit plus 115% salary allowance awarded for special education support personnel and programs for gifted pupils. Districts receive mileage or per pupil transportation grants. Partial cost reimbursement for home instruction, teacher training or special instructional services for physically or emotionally handicapped.

OKLAHOMA Twelve weighted categories included in foundation program.

OREGON Reimbursement up to 30% of excess cost or pro rata share (currently

about 11%).

PENNSYLVANIA 100% of approved excess cost of pupils in district or intermediate unit

operated special classes. 80% of tuition and maintenance cost for pupils assigned to approved private schools for the physically, emotionally or

mentally handicapped.

RHODE ISLAND Formula for handicapped provides excess cost aid.

SOUTH CAPOLINA Handicapped children are weighted according to eight specific classi-

fications.

SOUTH DAKOTA 100% for severely and profoundly handicapped. 50% on other allowable

costs.

TENNESSEE Identified and served handicapped pupils receive additional weighting in

determining pupil counts.

TEXAS For the portion of the day students are served in approved programs, the

adjusted allotment is multiplied by a weight varying from 2.0 to 10.0 depending on the instructional arrangement used. Twelve weighted

categories included in foundation program.



UTAH Foundation program provides weighted categories for handicapped.

VERMONT The state funds 75% of actual salaries of an approved number of

mainstream special education positions. Also, 100% forward funding is provided for designated special education programs and residential placements with the district of legal residence reimbursing the state for actual costs or district's average per pupil costs, whichever is lower.

VIRGINIA Additional state funds are provided for Special, Vocational, and Adult

Education programs.

WASHINGTON A program for highly capable students is funded in an amount equal to

1% of the school district enrollment multiplied by \$344.23.

WEST VIRGINIA General aid formula weights special education pupils 3.0. Additional funds

are provided for teaching personnel, facilities and transportation.

WISCONSIN State reimburses 63% of approved costs for education and 100% of room

and board for intradistrict transfer pupils and 51% for school psychol-

ogists and social workers.

WYOMING N/A

STATE COMPENSATORY EDUCATION

ALABAMA Does not apply.

ALASKA Does not apply.

ARIZONA Does not apply.

ARKANSAS Does not apply.

CALIFORNIA Based upon various measures of poverty, limited English proficiency and

pupil transiency, funds are distributed for the marginal costs of both compensatory and bilingual education that are not funded by the revenue

limit.

COLORADO Districts with more than 15% low income pupils receive \$125 per low

income in excess of 15%

CONNECTICUT State grant formula is based on results of statewide mastery tests and

number of low-income pupils in the school district.

DELAWARE Basic skills instructional unit is provided on the basis of one unit per 530

pupils enrolled.

FLORIDA An amount is distributed as categorical and based on the number of pupils

in lowest quartile on statewide assessment tests.

GEORGIA One weighted category for remedial education.

HAWAII Full state funding.

IDAHO Does not apply.

ILLINOIS A variable weighting from 0 to .625 is provided depending on the concen-

tration of low income eligible pupils in the district relative to the state

average concentration of 19.19%. A district with 19.19% concentration has

an additional weight of .53 per low income pupil.

INDIANA Does not apply.

IOWA Does not apply.

KANSAS Does not apply.

KENTUCKY Does not apply.

LOUISIANA A flat grant per pupil for approved programs.

MAINE Does not apply.



STATE COMPENSATORY EDUCATION

MARYLAND 25% of the foundation amount per pupil eligible for Chapter 1 funds, with

\$70 per pupil and 25% of the difference between the current and 1985

funds dedicated to Chapter 1 eligible students.

MASSACHUSETTS A pupil weight is provided for low income Chapter 1 eligibles.

Competitive grants for schools are available for schools with low scores

on standardized tests.

MICHIGAN Slow learners determined by state assessment. State aid provides up to

\$261 per K-10 pupil.

MINNESOTA Extra pupil units are granted between .5 and 1.1 per ADFC pupil,

depending on the concentration of AFDC pupils.

MISSISSIPPI Does not apply.

MISSOURI Enrolled AFDC and orphan students are weighted an extra .25 in the

foundation portion of the formula.

MONTANA Does not apply.

NEBRASKA Culturally and educationally deprived pupils receive an additional

weighting of 100% of basic needs, by grade level (only in districts that

qualify for equalization aid).

NEVADA Does not apply.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Does not apply.

NEW JERSEY Weighted (.18) pupils times state average net current expense per pupil.

NEW MEXICO Does not apply.

NEW YORK Pupils scoring below minimum competence on a statewide test weighted

an additional .25. Attendance improvement dropout prevention aid is provided to districts with low attendance ratios (\$216.65 times pupils for

attendance improvement).

NORTH CAROLINA 60% of state remediation funds are provided based on all failures from

the high school competency test. The remaining 40% of state remediation funds are allotted based on the number of students scoring below the 35th percentile on the 8th grade CAT tests. Beginning in summer of 1986, a summer program for pupils who scored on or below the 25th

percentile of CAT.

NORTH DAKOTA Does not apply.



<u>STATE</u> <u>COMPENSATORY EDUCATION</u>

OHIO Disadvantaged pupil impact aid based on concentration of AFDC pupils

and district total ADM (minimum 10% or 500 AFDC pupils). Disadvantaged pupil program funds based on number of AFDC pupils in state-approved compensatory education programs in the district (minimum 5%).

or 50 AFDC pupils).

OKLAHOMA Economically disadvantaged pupils are weighted .25 in the power

equalizing formula.

OREGON \$1 million in disadvantaged funds to Portland School District only.

PENNSYLVANIA School districts in which 10% of ADM pupils are members of families

receiving AFDC payments of \$2,000 or more per year receive a supplement ranging from \$100-\$500 per AFDC pupil based on the concentration

of AFDC pupils in the district. Students identified via a statewide

testing program (TELLS) as needing remediation in math and/or reading are provided this instruction. The reimbursement is calculated on the

basis of the cases identified.

RHODE ISLAND Ratio of Title 1 entitlement in district to statewide total times \$2 million.

SOUTH CAROLINA Three weighted categories for compensatory and remedial pupils.

SOUTH DAKOTA Does not apply.

TENNESSEE Does not apply.

TEXAS 20% of the adjusted allotment per pupil eligible to receive free or reduced

lunches under the National School Lunch Program.

UTAH Based on the ratio of district's disadvantaged pupils (AFDC, etc.) to

statewide total.

VERMONTThe proportion of students determined to be economically disadvantaged

is weighted an additional 15% when calculating the district's total foundation

cost.

VIRGINIA State provides per pupil grants for elementary and secondary students

scoring below grade level on a statewide achievement test.

WASHINGTON A learning assistance program is available to students identified as

deficient in basic skills.

WEST VIRGINIA Does not apply.

WISCONSIN Does not apply.

WYOMING Does not apply.

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STATE BILINGUAL EDUCATION

ALABAMA Does not apply.

ALASKA The costs of service for bilingual pupils is included in basic state support.

ARIZONA Weight included in block grant calculations.

ARKANSAS Does not apply.

CALIFORNIA See "Compensatory Education."

COLORADO English Language Proficiency Act provides funding to build English

proficiency for underachieving K-12 pupils of limited English proficiency.

CONNECTICUT Each district is entitled to receive a portion of the total amount appro-

priated according to the ratio of the number of eligible pupils in its district as compared to the total number of eligible pupils in the state.

DELAWARE Does not apply.

FLORIDA Does not apply.

GEORGIA Grants based on need.

HAWAII Full state funding.

IDAHO Does not apply.

ILLINOIS Excess cost for approved programs. In 1987-88, funds are authorized for

approximately 55 programs.

INDIANA Does not apply.

IOWA Does not apply.

KANSAS \$150 per pupil for an approved program.

KENTUCKY Does not apply.

LOUISIANA Additional instructional units are provided for each full-time second

language instructor at the elementary level.

MAINE Does not apply.

MARYLAND Does not apply.

MASSACHUSETTS A pupil weight is included in the foundation program.

STATE BILINGUAL EDUCATION

MICHIGAN Provides reimbursements to districts on a per pupil basis based on the

number of limited English-speaking pupils in ADM.

MINNESOTA State categorical aid is provided for the lesser of 61% of the salary of

one FTE teacher or \$17,000 for each 45 students of Limited English Proficiency (LEP), with a guarantee of 1/2 teacher in districts with fewer

than 23 LEP pupils.

MISSISSIPPI Does not apply.

MISSOURI Does not apply.

MONTANA Does not apply.

NEBRASKA Does not apply.

NEVADA Does not apply.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Does not apply.

NEW JERSEY Weight (.23) pupils times state average net current expense per pupil.

NEW MEXICO Full-time equivalent pupils weighted .3.

NEW YORK Grants from department of education. Limited English Proficiency pupil

weighted an additional .12.

NORTH CAROLINA Does not apply.

NORTH DAKOTA Does not apply.

OHIO Does not apply.

OKLAHOMA Weighted at .25 in the foundation program.

OREGON Does not apply.

PENNSYLVANIA Does not apply.

RHODE ISLAND Incentive program for bilingual pupils provides \$.5 million in reimburse-

ments.

SOUTH CAROLINA Does not apply.

SOUTH DAKOTA Does not apply.

TENNESSEE Does not apply.



STATE **BILINGUAL EDUCATION**

TEXAS 10% of the adjusted allotment per pupil enrolled in a bilingual or special

language program.

Categorical appropriation is distributed proportionately according to the number of pupils with bilingual needs. UTAH

Does not apply. **VERMONT**

VIRGINIA Does not apply.

A transitional bilingual program provides funds to school districts to implement bilingual education programs. **WASHINGTON**

WEST VIRGINIA Does not apply.

WISCONSIN State reimburses 63% of approved costs.

WYOMING Does not apply. STATE GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

ALABAMA Does not apply.

ALASKA Does not apply.

ARIZONA Does not apply.

ARKANSAS Beginning in 1987-88, an additional weight of .25 will be provided for

gifted and talented pupils.

CALIFORNIA Does not apply.

COLORADO Does not apply.

CONNECTICUT Does not apply.

DELAWARE Disruptive Student Unit -- funding provided on a per pupil basis.

Gifted and Talented Unit -- on unit for each 1,200 pupils enrolled

enclusive of handicapped pupils.

FLORIDA Does not apply.

GEORGIA One category is included for gifted education.

HAWAII Does not apply.

IDAHO Does not apply.

ILLINOIS Does not apply.

INDIANA Does not apply.

IOWA Does not apply.

KANSAS Does not apply.

KENTUCKY Does not apply.

LOUISIANA Does not apply.

MAINE Does not apply.

MARYLAND Summer residential program with tuition and fees supplemented by a

flat grant of \$269 per pupil, for gifted and talented.

MASSACHUSETTS Competitive grants for gifted and talented, drop-out prevention, and

health and drug education.



STATE GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

MICHIGAN Gifted and talented: School districts and consortiums of districts may

receive up to \$79 per pupil for up to 5% of districts' or consortiums' pupils in ADM. Minimum grant of \$5,000 provided to low ADM districts

and consortiums.

MINNESOTA State categorical aid pays the greater of (a) \$40 times the lesser of 5%

of ADM or the number of gifted and talented pupils; or (b) \$500 per district.

MISSISSIPPI Does not apply.

MISSOURI Does not apply.

MONTANA Does not apply.

MEBRASKA Does not apply.

NEVADA Does not apply.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Does not apply.

NEW JERSEY Does not apply.

NEW MEXICO Does not apply.

NEW YORK All districts receive 3% times ADA times \$192 to support gifted and

talented programs. Districts receive aid for handicapped pupils (including those placed in private handicapped programs by the district) under excess cost aid formulas that use aid ratios based on property and income

weaith Expenses reimbursed are subject to various maximums.

NORTH CAROLINA State allocated aid for the academically gifted allotment is based on the

lesser of June headcount or 3.9% of total ADM and then weighted 3:1.

NORTH DAKOTA Does not apply.

OHIO Does not apply.

OKLAHOMA Does not apply.

OREGON Does not apply.

PENNSYLVANIA Does not apply.

RHODE ISLAND Competitive grants for yifted and talented from total \$500,000 state aid.



STATE GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

SOUTH CAROLINA State aid for gifted and talented students and preschool education is

provided.

SOUTH DAKOTA Does not apply.

TENNESSEE Approximately 800 juniors and seniors who have exceptional abilities and

talents are selected to attend summer residential programs called

"Governor's Schools."

TEXAS Vocational education is weighted at 1.45 per FTE in ADA. Special

education is funded at 10% of the adjusted allotment per pupil with a

district cap at 5% ADA.

UTAH A categorical appropriation is provided for gifted pupils.

VERMONT Does not apply.

VIRGINIA In 1987-88, the established per pupil (in ADM) amount for education of

the gifted programs is \$25. This cost is to be shared between the state and local school divisions according to a locality's composite index of

local ability to pay.

WASHINGTON A program for highly capable students is funded in an amount equal to

1% of the school district enrollment multiplied by \$344.23.

WEST VIRGINIA Does not apply.

WISCONSIN A 3.25 weight is provided for intra-district integration transfers.

WYOMING Districts receive grant upon application. Provides funds for 3% of local

school population at \$150 per student. Seed monies to assist districts.

STATE GRADE LEVEL DIFFERENCES

ALABAMA Additional instructional unit allocated for kindergarten and grades 1-6.

Each unit earns salary allotment, other current expense allotment and

support for capital outlay as provided in foundation program.

ALASKA Does not apply.

ARIZONA GRADEWEIGHT

K-8 1.158 9-12 1.268

ARKANSAS Does not apply.

CALIFORNIA 1987-88 cost-of-living adjustment varies by district type with elementary

districts receiving \$62 per ADA, high school districts receiving \$77 per

ADA and unified districts receiving \$66 per ADA.

COLORADO Kindergarten pupils funded as 1/2 pupil units in most districts. Some

districts receive funding as full pupil units.

CONNECTICUT Does not apply.

DELAWARE GRADEWEIGHT

K 40 Pupils 1-3 19 Pupils 4-6 20 Pupils 7-12 20 Pupils

FLORIDA GRADEWEIGHT

K-3 1.098 4-8 1.000 9-12 1.190

GEORGIA GRADEWEIGHT

K 1.329 1-3 1.237 4-8 1.000 9-12 0.996

HAWAII Does not apply.

IDAHO Instructional units vary according to grade levels: Kindergarten.

Elementary (1-6); Secondary (7-12); Special Education.



GRADE LEVEL DIFFERENCES

ILLINOIS

GRADEWEIGHT

Pre K-61.00 7-8 1.05 9-12 1.25

INDIANA

Does ont apply.

IOWA

Does not apply.

KANSAS

Does not apply.

KENTUCKY

Kindergarten with two sessions per day, 25 ADA each session equal one kindergarten unit. Grades 1-3, 22 ADA, equals instructional unit. Grades 4-6, 26? ADA; Grades 7-12, 27 ADA; equals one instructional unit.

LOUISIANA

A pupil-teacher ratio of 22 to 1 for grades K-3 and 25 to 1 for grades 4-12 is a constitutional provision for 100% funding.

MAINE

Does not apply.

MARYLAND

Does not apply.

MASSACHUSETTS

Special grants for low spending districts dependent on the grade level.

MICHIGAN

Does not apply.

MINNESOTA

Does not apply.

MISSISSIPPI

Grades 1-4 earn one instructional unit per ADA; grades 5-12 earn one

instructional unit per 27 ADA.

MISSOURI

Does not apply.

MONTANA

See "Description of Formula."

NEBRASKA

GRADEWEIGHT

K 0.5 1-6 1.0 7-8 1.2 9-12 1.4

NEVADA

Kindergarten pupils weighted 0.6.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Foundation guarantee per pupil varies by grade level.

NEW JERSEY

Does not apply.



STATE GRADE LEVEL DIFFERENCES

NEW MEXICO GRADEWEIGHT

K (FTE)1.30 1-3 1.10 4-6 1.00 7-12 1.25

NEW YORK Secondary pupils weight 1.25.

NORTH CAROLINA GRADE1 TEACHER POSITION FOR:

K-9 26 Pupils 10-12 30 Pupils

NORTH DAKOTA GRADEWEIGHT

K .45 - .65 1-6 .90 - 1.30 7-8 1.00 9-12 1.20 - 1.70

OHIO Does not apply.

OKLAHOMA GRADEWEIGHT

K 1.3 1-2 1.317 3 1.017 4-6 1.0 7-12 1.2

OREGON Does not apply.

PENNSYLVANIA Half-day kindergarten is weighted at .05; secondary pupils weighted at

1.36.

RHODE ISLAND Does not apply.

SOUTH CAROLINA GRADEWEIGHT

*K 1.30 1-3 1.24 4-8 1.00 9-12 1.25

* Kindergarten is funded at 0.5 FTE (weight of 0.65) for one-half day sessions.



STATE GRADE LEVEL DIFFERENCES

SOUTH DAKOTA Does not apply.

TENNESSEE GRADEWEIGHT

K-3 1.287 4 1.137 5-6 1.037 7-8 1.137 9 1.261 10-12 1.371

TEXAS Does not apply.

UTAH Does not apply.

VERMONT Elementary students (grades PK-6) have a weight of 1.00; secondary

students (grades 7-12) have a weight of 1.25. A financial incentive is given to districts that maintain kindergarten and preschool programs at a minimum number of hours per week by counting those students as a full

ADM.

VIRGINIA Does not apply.

WASHINGTON Two additional instructional units are provided per 1,000 (K-3) students

in basic education.

WEST VIRGINIA Does not apply.

WISCONSIN Does not apply.

WYOMING The schedule for computing allowable instructional units varies by grade

level.



STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO SCHOOL FINANCE



OR EXPENDITURE INCREASES

ALABAMA A combined state and local levy of more than 12.5 mills requires a

constitutional amendment, legislative approval and a local vote.

ALASKA Does not apply.

ARIZONA "GNP Price Deflator" is growth factor on increase in base level or

foundation grant. Maximum budget limits for maintenance and operation may be increased by 10-15% by voter approval, property sale and/or lease, and may be approved by voters for 1, 2, or 5 years. Budgets for districts with K-8 of 100 or less student count are unlimited as well as districts

of 125 student count for 9-12.

ARKANSAS Does not apply.

CALIFORNIA Local property tax rates are limited y the constitution to 1% of fair

market value. The constitution also limits annual expenditure increases

for both the state and local agencies.

COLORADO Minimum revenue base is \$2,980 per ADA or an increase of \$134.57 per

ADA, whichever is greater.

CONNECTICUT Does not apply.

DELAWARE Does not apply.

FLORIDA (See district budget and tax rate procedures.)

GEORGIA Does not apply.

HAWAII A constitutional amendment limits state spending to economic growth in

personal income.

IDAHO Districts subscribe to one of three revenue limits, whichever provides the

greater increase; property tax revenues in 1979, 1980 or the year preceding the current tax year may be increased by a growth factor not to exceed 5%. Tax revenues in each of the above years may be increased

by a growth factor determined by applying the current year tax in

assessed value over the prior year's tax base.

ILLINOIS Truth-in-Taxation law requires a district to notify their voters when the

current levy exceeds the prior year extension by 5% or more.

iNDIANA Except for districts receiving the \$2,300 guarantee, districts are generally

limited to a revenue increase no greater than 10%. Districts with general fund tax rates of less than \$2.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation are permitted to increase their rate, while districts with a rate greater than

\$4.50 are restricted to their current rate.



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OR EXPENDITURE INCREASES

IOWA Maximum increase in budget per pupil of \$87 for districts above state

established base cost per pupil. Local costs may increase by as much as

\$96 per pupil.

KANSAS Increase is limited to (1) 103.5% of budget pupil in the preceding school

year or (2) 102% of median budget per pupil for the previous year of districts in its enrollment category, whichever is lower. A 2% budget increase is allowed in any case. Budget appeal process for special

programs.

KENTUCKY Revenues from property taxation may not exceed those generated using

1986-87 tax rate x 1986-87 property assessment. Exceptions are new property and an allowable tax increase that does not produce revenues in excess of 4% of prior year property tax revenues, except to provide

\$.25 equivalent tax rate for power equalization.

LOUISIANA Does not apply.

MAINE Does not apply.

MARYLAND Does not apply.

MASSACHUSETTS Proposition 2-1/2 limits local property taxes to 1/2% of market value and

limits increases in property taxes to 2-1/2% over the previous year.

MICHIGAN Proposition E (Headlee Amendment) requires school districts to roll back

tax rates if the revenues generated over the previous year exceed the

inflation rate as measured by the national Consumer Price Index.

MINNESOTA State sets limitations on property tax millages. Districts may levy beyond

the limitation as permitted by referendum. Bonding limit is 10% of the

total market value of property.

MISSISSIPPI Does not apply.

MISSOURI Increases in per pupil state aid are limited to 25% of the difference

between the aid calculation and the previous year's aid. Local levy must be rolled back if assessed valuation increased by a percentage greater

than the CPI, excluding new construction.

MONTANA Maximum nonvoted budget equal to 125% of foundation program.

NEBRASKA Does not apply

EBRASKA Does not apply.

NEVADA Does not apply.



OR EXPENDITURE INCREASES

NEW HAMPSHIRE Does not apply.

NEW JERSEY Ceiling on percentage increase allowed for adjusted net current expense

per pupil for districts below and above state average expenditure per

pupil; waiver can be obtained with commissioner approval.

NEW MEXICO Does not apply.

NEW YORK Does not apply.

NORTH CAROLINA Does not apply.

NORTH DAKOTA Does not apply.

OHIO All voted continuing levies on real property are subject to a tax

reduction factor so that tax collections do not increase as a result of reassessment. However, a 20 mill floor limits the tax reduction factor so that at least 2% of assessed value is charged for school operation.

OKLAHOMA Does not apply.

OREGON Except for approved small schools, increases in approved cost of the basic

education program per pupil are limited to 109% of the approved cost for the preceding year or the percentage rate of increase in the Consumer

Price Index, whichever is less.

PENNSYLVANIA For 1987-88, no district will receive more than an 8% increase nor less

than a 2% increase over the 1986-87 school year. School districts are

guaranteed 90% of their fully funded amount.

RHODE ISLAND Limited to 8% annual growth in excess cost aid for handicapped.

SOUTH CAROLINA Does not apply.

SOUTH DAKOTA Does not apply.

TENNESSEE Does not apply.

TEXAS Initiative and referendum provision providing that districts that adopt a

tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate by 3% are required to post public notice and hearing requirements and that districts that adopt a tax rate that exceeds the effective tax rate by more than 8% are subject to

rollback election provisions.

UTAH Does not apply.



OR EXPENDITURE INCREASES

VERMONT Does not apply.

VIRGINIA Does not apply.

WASHINGTON Local levies generally may not exceed 20% of previous year's full

funding. Districts previously above 20% may continue to have levies above 20% but this percent must be reduced by levy reduction funds

provided by the state.

WEST VIRGINIA Annual increase in number of service personnel under foundation program

is limited to 20% of difference between prior year and 34 service

personnel per 1,000 pupils.

WISCONSIN Does not apply.

WYOMING Optional additional 3 mill levies.



STATE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT RATIOS USED/LEGAL STANDARDS

FOR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

ALABAMA No. Class 1 -- utilities used in business, 30%; Class 2 -- property not

otherwise classified, 20%; Class 3 -- agriculture, forest and residential,

10%; Class 4 -- private passenger autos and pickup trucks, 15%.

ALASKA No. Full value of real and personal property.

ARIZONA Yes. The following percentages of full cash value apply. Class 1, mines

and timber, 44%; Class 2, telephones, gas and utilities, 38%; Class 3, commercial and industrial, 25%; Class 4, agriculture and vacant land, 16%; Class 5, residential, 10%; Class 6, residential rental property, 18%; Class

7, railroads, 35%.

ARKANSAS No. 20% of true and full value. Reappraisal completed in 1985.

CALIFORNIA The constitution limits the maximum amount of any ad valorem tax on

real property to 1% of full cash value as assessed in 1987-88. Assessed values were established in 1975 and may increase by the CPI to a

maximum of 2% annually, except when property changes ownership or is newly constructed, at which time the assessment is brought up to current

levels.

COLORADO Yes. Not to exceed 100% of cash value. Residential, 18%; commercial and

industrial, 29% of base year value.

CONNECTICUT Yes. Not exceeding 100% of true and actual or fair market value.

DELAWARE No. Assessment ranges from 50% to 100% of actual value, by county, at

the time of assessment.

FLORIDA Yes. State average is at 97.1%. Variance from this average is used to

adjust RLE millage rates.

GEORGIA Yes. 40% of fair market value, less statewide exemptions and an adjust-

ment factor for elderly.

HAWAII Does not apply.

IDAHO Yes. Property is assessed at a "true" market value.

ILLINOIS Yes. 33.3% of market value. Counties with 200,000 or more population

may elect to establish property classification and differential tax rates that average 33.3% in the aggregate. County level assessed valuations are

equalized across counties by the use of a multiplier factor imposed by

state government. Farmland property is taxed on the basis of

productivity.



STATE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT RATIOS USED/LEGAL STANDARDS

FOR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

INDIANA

Yes. By statute all real property is to be assessed at 1/3 cash or fair

market value.

IOWA No. 100% of true value.

KANSAS Yes. 30% of fair market value in money.

KENTUCKY Yes. Fair cash value.

LOUISIANA No. Each parish authority sets the assessment level at 100% of value.

Assessment level is 10% Improved Land for Homesteads, 10% Land, 15%

Utilities and Other Property.

MAINE Yes. Just value.

MARYLAND No. Full cash value.

MASSACHUSETTS Yes. Residential property is assessed at the local level for cities and

towns.

MICHIGAN No. Cash value.

MINNESOTA Yes. 50% of the true cash value.

MISSISSIPPI Yes. Multiclass property assessment system with lowest ratios for farm

homesteads; highest ratios for industrial, mining and commercial

property. Some progression in assessment ratios within property classes.

Warying ratios depending on property classification, i.e., Personal

Property, 33.33%; Commercial Real, 32%; Residential Real, 19%; Agricul-

tural Real, 12.4%.

MONTANA No. Assessed valuation of major revenue sources: automobiles, 13.3%;

realty and mobile homes, 12%; electric and telephone cooperatives, 2.85;

public utilities, 16%; strip mined coal, 45%; metal mines, 3%.

NEBRASKA No. 100% of actual value.

NEVADA No. 35% of taxable value.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Yes. Assessed valuation.

NEW JERSEYYes. True value - taxable value is percentage of true value as estab-

lished by county board of taxation.

NEW MEXICONo. Taxable value not to exceed 33.3% of value.



STATE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT RATIOS USED/LEGAL STANDARDS

FOR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

NEW YORK Yes. Fuil value. 100% assessment.

NORTH CAROLINA No. True value in money. Reassessments run on an 8-year cycle.

No. 50% of true and full value, adjusted by a factor of 7.5 to 10%

depending upon the classification of the property.

OHIO No. Real property -- 35% of the true value in money; public utility

personal property -- 100% of true value; general personal tangible

property -- 31% of true value in 1987 reduced by 1% each year until 25%

in 1993.

OKLAHOMA Yes. Not greater than 35% of fair cash value for the highest and best

use for which such property was actually used.

OREGON Yes. Property is valued at 100% of true cash value. For acsessment

purposes, values are reduced by a ratio for each property class so that no class can increase more than 5% annually. This ratio is recalculated

each year.

PENNSYLVANIA Varies with each county. Rates range from 8% to 100% as of June 30.

1987.

RHODE ISLAND Yes. Full and fair cash value or a uniform percentage not exceeding

100% within a statewide cap of 5.5% on each municipality's tax levy.

SOUTH CAROLINA Yes. Industrial property is assessed at 10.5%; commercial at 6%; resi-

dential at 4%; timber and forest corporation owned at 6%; personal

property, except farm machinery at 10.5%.

SOUTH DAKOTA Yes. Set locally; taxable property cannot exceed 6% of full and true

value.

TENNESSEE No. Public utilities, 55%; industrial and commercial, 40%; farm and

residential, 25%.

TEXAS Yes. True and full value in money.

UTAH Yes. 20% of reasonable fair cash value; 15% for primary residence.

VERMONT Yes. Property is to be assessed at 100% of fair market value. A sliding

scale penalty is deducted from state aid payments for districts in which

total local valuation is not within 80% of fair market value.

VIRGINIA Yes. Fair market value.



STATE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT RATIOS USED/LEGAL STANDARDS FOR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

WASHINGTON Yes. 100% of true and fair value.

WEST VIRGINIA Yes. 60% of "true and actual value."

WISCONSIN Yes. Full value for real property. True cash value for personal property.

WYOMING Assessments are being reviewed. Subject is under study in legislature.



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STATE MEASURE OF LOCAL ABILITY TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS

ALABAMA Property wealth per pupil. Index of local ability, including sales tax,

auto license, valuation of public utilities, personal income tax, value

added by manufacturing value of farm income.

ALASKA Does not apply.

ARIZONA Property valuation.

ARKANSAS The sum of assessments on real property, personal property, utilities and

regulated carriers plus 75% of revenues, from federal forest reserves, federal grazing and mineral rights and other miscellaneous funds the WADM of the district. This is adjusted by a credit allowance for the number of instructional staff holding Masters degrees or higher.

CALIFORNIA Statutorily prescribed share of 1% countywide property tax.

COLORADO Property valuation per pupil.

CONNECTICUT Equalized property value per capita modified by a ratio of a town's 1983

per capita income to the wealthiest town's per capita income.

DELAWARE Full value of property per unit of pupils.

FLORIDA Property valuation per FTE pupil.

GEORGIA Property valuation.

HAWAII Does not apply.

IDAHO Property valuation per pupil.

ILLINOIS Real property value plus corporate personal property replacement funds

per weighted pupil.

INDIANA Total assessed property valuation in district.

IOWA Property valuation per pupil.

KANSAS An average of adjusted property valuation and resident taxable income

in the district plus 75% of the prior year's adjusted property valuation

and resident taxable income.

KENTUCKY Property valuation per pupil.

LOUISIANA Property value per pupil.

MAINE Property valuation per pupil.



STATE MEASURE OF LOCAL ABILITY TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS

MARYLAND The sum of the following: net taxable income, the assessed valuation of

real property, and 50% of assessed value of personal property.

MASSACHUSETTS Property value per capita.

MICHIGAN County index, including assessed valuation of public utilities, motor

vehicle license receipts, value of farm products, personal income tax,

employed workers and sales tax.

MINNESOTA Property valuation per pupil.

MISSISSIPPI Adjusted assessed property valuation.

MISSOURI Property valuation per pupil and an income factor. The income factor

takes 50% of the deviation of a district's adjusted gross income per return from the statewide average and is used to adjust the RLE in

foundation part of formula.

MONTANA Property valuation per pupil.

NEBRASKA Property valuation per pupil + foundation aid + certain accountable

receipts, state apportionment insurance premium tax, fines and licenses, transportation receipts and tuition in excess of 125% of per pupil costs.

NEVADA Yield from 1-1/2 cent sales tax and 2.5 mills property .ax + per pupil

wealth from additional 5.0 mills, motor vehicle tax and other sources.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Equalized croperty valuation per weighted publi, per capita income and

tax effort.

NEW JERSEY Property valuation per pupil.

NEW MEXICO PL 874 revenue and forest reserve income.

NEW YORK Real property valuation and adjusted gross income per resident pupil are

weighted equally in the computation of aid used in most aid formulas.

NORTH CAROLINA No measure of local ability is used for the allocation of basic state aid

in vocational education, a measure of local relative ability to pay is deter-

mined by ranking all school units according to personal income and

property valuation per ADM.

NORTH DAKOTA Property valuation per pupil.

OHIO Property valuation per pupil.

OKLAHOMA Property valuation per pupil.



STATE MEASURE OF LOCAL ABILITY TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS

OREGON Property valuation per pupil plus statutorily designated nonproperty tax

sources of revenue. Property valuation is adjusted upward to reflect monies received through the Western Oregon Timber Severance Tax.

PENNSYLVANIA 60% dependent upon property valuation per pupil and 40% dependent upon

personal income per pupil.

RHODE ISLAND Equalized property valuation per pupil, modified by a median family

income ratio.

SOUTH CAROLINA Index of a local district's fiscal capacity in relation to that of all other

districts in the state based on full market value of all taxable property

of the district.

SOUTH DAKOTA Property valuation adjusted to reflect market value times 60%.

TENNESSEE Total assessed valuation and property equivalent of Tennessee Valley

Authority payments in lieu of taxes.

TEXAS Value of property as determined by the State Property Tax Board. Index

value (the full value of property - the difference between full value and the productivity value of land devoted to agricultural production) is used

to determine local share of the foundation program.

UTAH Property valuation per pupil.

VERMONT Tax adjustment by AGI and municipal overburden. Districts with FSP

cost-to-levy ratio less than 1.5 are guaranteed \$150 per WADM or the

prior year's amount.

VIRGINIA Composite index including real property valuation, individual income and

taxable sales on both a per pupil and per capita basis.

WASHINGTON Property valuation per pupil.

WEST VIRGINIA Property valuation.

WISCONSIN Property valuation per pupil.

WYOMING Property valuation per instructional unit.



SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND TAX RATE PROCEDURES / SOURCES OF LOCAL REVENUES

ALABAMA

All 129 districts are fiscally dependent. Voter approval is required for tax increases with no limit on number of elections that may be held in one year. A 3/5 vote is necessary for approval. Sources of local revenue for schools are property tax (51%), sales tax (21%) and other (29%).

ALASKA

All 55 school districts are fiscally dependent. The 32 city or borough school districts must submit school budgets to city council (city school district) or borough assembly (borough school district), which derive from both property and sales taxes. Severance taxes are a source of revenue for some districts. The 23 Regional Educational Attendance Areas have no taxing authority and derive 100% of their funds from the state.

ARIZONA

There are five fiscally dependent and 224 fiscally independent school districts. Maximum local levy without voter approval is the required local effort for participation in the block grant program. A simple majority vote is required to exceed the revenue control limit or raise property taxes. Local property taxes constitute the primary source of local revenue.

ARKANSAS

All 329 districts are fiscally independent. There is no legal limit to the number of mills that may be levied for school purposes. To increase the tax rate for schools, a simple majority vote is required. There is a limit of one election per year for tax increase requests. The majority of local revenues derive from the property tax.

CALIFORNIA

All 1,025 districts are fiscally dependent. The total property tax levy is limited constitutionally and its allocation prescribed statutorily. Districts can levy special taxes for specific purposes with a two-thirds majority vote. Such taxes may not preempt existing state taxes (e.g., sales, personal income, etc.). Voter approval is not required for general operating budget. Local revenues are derived almost exclusively from the countywide property tax.

COLORADO

All 176 districts are fiscally independent. Local school board adopts a calendar year budget within a state set authorized limit. Override on limitation may be granted by a state budget review board or through a local vote. Local revenues for schools derive primarily from local property tax. Property tax is collected on a calendar year basis.

CONNECTICUT

The state's 165 districts are fiscally dependent. Local board of finance proposed entire town budget, which includes the school budget; voters accept or reject total budget. Voter approval is required for a new tax increase.



SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND TAX RATE PROCEDURES / SOURCES OF LOCAL REVENUES

DELAWARE

All 19 districts are fiscally independent. Increase in total tax rates for current operations must be approved by referendum. Voter approval is required for a tax increase, two elections can be held each year; simple majority required for approval. Local revenue sources are: property tax (85%), capitation tax (1%), interest (5%), tuition (5%), and other (4%).

FLORIDA

All 67 school districts are fiscally independent. Maximum local levy without voter approval varies with RLE from 5.011 to 5.424 based upon assessment ratio differences. Discretionary millage in addition = .819 mills for operations and 1.5 mills for capital purposes. Voter approval not required for budget or tax increase. One election can be held per year for local bond issues. Simple majority approval required. 80% of local revenue from property taxes; 20% from interest and other nontax sources.

GEORGIA

There are 159 fiscally dependent school districts and 27 fiscally independent school districts. Maximum local levy without voter approval is 20 mills. A simple majority vote is required for a tax increase; one election can be held per year. 80% of local revenues derive from property taxes; 20% from sales taxes.

HAWAII

Does not apply.

IDAHO

All 116 districts are fiscally independent. Maximum local levy without voter approval is four mills. Voter approval is required for a tax increase and an election can be held every 60 days. Approximately 85% of all local revenues come from property taxes.

ILLINOIS

For current expenses, maximum local levy without voter approval is 9.2 mills for K-8 and 9-12 districts and 17.5 mills for K-12 districts.

Maximum local levy with referendum is 35 mills for K-8 and 9-12 districts and 40 mills for K-12 districts. Separate tax rate limitations apply for building operations and maintenance, capital improvements, transportation and summer school. Local revenues provided by real property tax, corporate personal property replacement tax, and other nontax sources.

INDIANA

All 304 districts are fiscally independent. Budget is for calendar year. Each district has access to four separate tax based funds. Debt and Transportation levies are determined by need. Cumulate Building Fund has maximum rate of \$1.25 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Growth in General Fund is permitted for increased assessed valuation, legislatively allowed increase, growth in ADA, and for operation of new facilities. increase can also be effected by referendum.

IOWA

All 436 districts are fiscally independent. Voter approvals not required but local tax levies are approved by a state budget review committee. Over 90% of local revenue for schools is derived from property taxes.



SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND TAX RATE PROCEDURES /

SOURCES OF LOCAL REVENUES

KANSAS

All 304 districts are fiscally independent. Voter approval is required to exceed the budget limitation, a simple majority required for approval. Local revenues derive primarily from property and motor vehicle taxes. Each district receives a rebate of 20% of its residential individual income tax liability, 85% of which is considered as local revenue in the state aid

formula.

KENTUCKY

All 178 school districts are fiscally independent. Maximum local levy without voter approval is the rate certified by the state. Districts can exceed the state certified levy with voter approval. Total special building fund tax rate cannot exceed 1.5 mills. Local revenues derive from a variety of sources: property, 70%; occupation licenses, 13%; utility taxes.

13%; other, 4%.

LOUISIANA

All 66 districts are fiscally independent. The maximum local levy without voter approval is 5.5 mills. Voter approval is required for a tax increase. One election may be held each year, simple majority required for approval. Primary sources of local revenue include property tax (35.4%); sales tax (60.6%); and other 16th section lands (4.0%).

MAINE

All 282 school administrative units are fiscally independent. Voter approval is required for all budget and tax increases. Elections require a simple majority for approval. Sources of local revenue for schools include: property tax (50%); income tax (19%); sales tax (19%); and other (12%).

MARYLAND

All 24 school districts are fiscally dependent. Neither the constitution nor state statutes prescribe any upper limit for school levies. Local revenue for schools denve from property and income taxes.

MASSACHUSETTS

367 local school districts are fiscally dependent. The maximum local levy without voter approval is 2-1/2% over the previous year. Local revenue for schools is derived from property tax, user fees and an excise tax (state tax but revenues are kept locally).

MICHIGAN

All 152 school districts are fiscally dependent. The local mill levy is limited to 110% of the previous year's actual collection. Voter approval is not required for a budget or tax increase. The property tax is the primary source of local revenues for schools.

MINNESOTA

The state's 565 school districts are fiscally independent. Maximum local levy without voter approval is 15 mills. Voter approval is required for a budget or the increase. 100% of local revenues derive from the property tax.



SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND TAX RATE PROCEDURES /

SOURCES OF LOCAL REVENUES

MISSISSIPPI

435 districts are fiscally independent. There is no specific maximum mill rate. Rates vary among districts depending on various levy limitation components. Voter approval is required only for the referendum levy through which a district may raise additional operating revenue. Two elections can be held in one year; simple majority required for approval. Property tax revenues account for 100% of local revenues for

schools.

MISSOURI

548 districts are fiscally independent. Maximum local levy without voter approval is 12.5 mills. Voter approval is required for budget or tax increase; 2/3 vote required for levies above 37.5 mills. Six elections may be held in one year. Sources of local revenue include property, tax, sales tax and revenues from food services sales, interest income and student activities receipts.

MONTANA

All 554 school districts are fiscally independent. Voter approval is required for a budget or tax increase; simple majority required for approval. Local revenue for schools derives from local property taxes.

NEBRASKA

All districts are financially independent. In the budgeting process, total funding requirements are calculated. From the total, federal, state and local anticipated receipts are deducted. The balance is a total dollar amount certified to the County. The County sets the levy necessary to collect the dollars needed.

NEVADA

All 17 districts are fiscally dependent. Sources of local revenue for schools are derived from property tax (44%), sales tax (47%) and other revenues (9%).

NEW HAMPSHIRE

There are nine dependent and 161 independent school districts. For dependent districts, the city council approves annual budget and any increases thereto. For independent districts, school budgets must be approved annually by the voters. Local revenues for schools are derived exclusively from local property taxes.

NEW JERSEY

All 606 districts are fiscally independent. Two types of districts: Type I, primarily urban districts with appointed school boards; and Type II, elected school board (majority of districts). Voter approval is required for the budget in Type II districts. There are no limits on the number of elections that may be held in one year, a simple majority is necessary for a budget approval. Source of local revenue for schools is the property tax.

NEW MEXICO

88 districts are fiscally dependent. The maximum local levy without voter approval is 1/2 mill. Voter approval is not required for a budget or tax increase. Sources of local revenue for schools are derived from the 1/2 mill property tax, interest earnings and other. State takes credit for 95% of 1/2 mill.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND TAX RATE PROCEDURES / SOURCES OF LOCAL REVENUES

NEW YORK

695 districts are fiscally independent, five are dependent. Budget procedures differ in city and noncity districts. Voters approve the budget in noncity (independent) districts. There is no limit on the number of elections that can be held in one year, simple majority is required for approval. In independent city districts, the board of education approves the budget. In dependent districts (the state's largest cities), local revenue to be applied in the budget is determined by the municipal government.

NORTH CAROLINA

All 140 school districts are fiscally dependent; school taxes are levied and budgets approved by county commissioners. A supplemental tax with a maximum rate of 50 cents (60 cents where population is 100,000 or more) on \$100 appraised value of property subject to taxation by the local school administrative unit is permissible with voter approval. A simple majority is required. No more than two elections can be held in one year. Local revenues for schools derive primarily from the property tax.

NORTH DAKOTA

All 302 school districts are fiscally independent. The maximum local levy without voter approval is 180 mills. Voter approval is not required for a budget increase. The tax limit may be increased by a 55% majority in districts with a population of 4,000 or less and by a simple majority in districts with a population over 4,000. Two elections can be held in one year. The primary source of local revenue for schools is the property tax.

OHIO

All 615 districts are fiscally independent. Districts may levy an additional 10 mills above the RLE without voter approval. A simple majority is required for tax increases above this amount. Local revenues for schools come from property taxes (75%) and other sources (25%).

OKLAHOMA

All 611 districts are fiscally independent. Districts can levy up to 20 mills without voter approval. A tax increase requires voter approval. Approximately one election per month can be held during the school year. For millage elections, simple majority required for approval; for bond issue, 2/3 required. Property tax revenue accounts for 81% of local revenue for schools.

OREGON

All 304 school districts are fiscally independent. Maximum local levy without voter approval varies, depending on existence of an approved tax base. A simple majority vote is required for a tax increase. No more than six elections can be held in one year. Recent legislation provides school districts with a safety net which permits a levy in the amount of the prior year's operating levy, without a vote. 91% of all local revenue comes from the property tax.



STATE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND TAX RATE PROCEDURES /

SOURCES OF LOCAL REVENUES

PENNSYLVANIA 499 districts are fiscally independent; two districts are dependent. Voter

approval is not required for a budget or tax increase. Local revenues for schools are derived from the property tax (72%) and other taxes (21%).

RHODE ISLAND All 40 districts are fiscally dependent. Voter approval is required for

budget and tax increases. Majority vote is required for approval, no limit on number of elections that can be held in one year. The source of local

revenue for schools is the property tax.

SOUTH CAROLINA 40 districts fiscally independent; 51 districts fiscally dependent. Tax

increases are approved by various bodies of authority (e.g., County Boards, Legislative Delegations, County Council, or by referendum).

SOUTH DAKOTA All 192 school districts are fiscally independent. Voter approval is not

required for a tax increase, except when levy limit is reached. General fund levels are limited to 40 mills on nonagricultural property and 24 mills on agricultural property. Local revenues derive primarily from local

property taxes.

All 140 districts are fiscally dependent. Voter approval is not required TENNESSEE

for budget or tax increases. Sources of local revenue for schools are:

property tax (66%) and sales tax (33%).

TEXAS All 1,063 districts are fiscally independent. A tax rate increase of more

> than 3% must be posted for public notice and hearings. A tax rate increase of more than 8% may result in a rollback initiative by petition of 10% of voting rolls of districts. Only one election can be held annually; simple majority is required for approval. The source of local

revenue for schools is the property tax.

UTAH All 40 districts are fiscally independent. Proceeds from the 21.28

> required mill levy that exceed the foundation program amount per weighted pupil unit are returned to the State Uniform School Fund as recapture. As part of the state-supported Voted Leeway Program, a district can levy up to ten additional mills above the 21.28 mills (see "Description of Formula"). An election is required and a simple majority is required for approval. Property tax revenue provides the majority of

local school support.

VERMONT Vermont has 242 Town, City, and Incorporated School Districts, 28 Union

> School Districts (including one interstate district which includes one Vermont town and one New Hampshire town), and four Unified School Districts. Each of the 274 districts is fiscally independent. Voter

approval is required for each year's budget and tax rate. Local funds are

derived almost entirely from the property tax.



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SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND TAX RATE PROCEDURES / SOURCES OF LOCAL REVENUES

VIRGINIA

139 districts are fiscally dependent. County supervisors or city council approves the budget and sets tax rates for all purposes. The major sources of local school revenue come from the property tax, sales tax and income tax.

WASHINGTON

There is a statewide property tax of 3.6 mills. 296 school districts are fiscally independent. Local levies generally may not exceed 20% of the previous year's full funding.

WEST VIRGINIA

All 55 districts are fiscally independent. The maximum local levy without voter approval is 2.295 mills for agricultural property, 5.590 mills for residential, 9.18 mills for commercial property. A simple majority vote is required for property tax increases. Property tax income is the only source of local revenue.

WISCONSIN

There are 431 districts that are fiscally independent and have tax authority. Local revenues for school derive primarily from local property taxes.

WYOMING

39 districts are fiscally dependent, 10 are independent. The maximum iscal levy without voter approval is 26 mills. No voter approval is necessary for a budget increase. Voter approval is required for assessing 2 mills beyond the 26 mills and for capital construction projects. A simple majority is required for approval. 90% of local revenues for schools comes from property taxes.



APPENDICES



APPENDIX A

KEY EDUCATION STATISTICS* 1987-88 School Year

STATE	TOTAL FEDERA		E BY SOURCE LOCAL	AVERAGE TEACHER SALARY (ALL TEACHERS)	AVERAGE EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL (ADA)
ALABAMA	12.8	69.3	17.9	\$23,320	2,752
ALASKA	7.3	67.3	25.3	40,424	7,038
ARKANSAS	9.4	61.3	29.3	20,340	2,410
ARIZONA	3.5	53.5	43.0	27,388	3,265
CALIFORNIA	7.3	68.1	24.6	33,092	3,994
COLORADO	4.6	37.9	57.5	28,651	4,359
CONNECTICUT	4.1	42.25	3.8	33,515	6,114
DELAWARE	7.56	8.6	23.8	29,575	4,994
FLORIDA	6.6	52.5	40.8	25,382	4,389
GEORGIA	7.6	56.2	36.8	26,177	2,939
HAWAII	8.7	91.2	0.1	28,785	3,625
IDAHO	7.4	61.2	31.5	29,783	2,814
ILLINOIS	7.4	38.0	54.6	29,735	4,217
INDIANA	4.0	60.0	36.0	27,386	3,616
IOWA	5.6	43.2	51.3	24,867	3,846
KANSAS	4.7	43.8	51.5	24,364	4,262
KENTUCKY	10.1	69.5	20.4	24,274	3,355
LOUISIANA	12.3	53.3	34.4	20,885	3,211
MAINE	5.5	54.2	40.2	23,425	4,276
MARYLAND	5.3	39.8	54.9	30,829	4,87 1
MASSACH.	5.7	46.7	47.6	30,019	5,396
MICHIGAN	3.6	35.2	61.2	32,926	4,122
MINNESOTA	4.6	56.9	38.5	29,620	4,513
MISSISSIPPI	15.7	54.5	29.8	20,669	2,760
MISSOURI	5.8	40.5	53.7	24,703	3,566
MONTANA	7.9	49.2	42.8	23,798	4,061

^{*} Source:

National Education Association, <u>Estimates of School Statistics</u>, 1987-88. Washington, D.C.: NEA.



NEBRASKA	5.3	26.6	68.2	23,246	3,641
NEVADA	4.2	40.1	55.8	27,600	3,829
NEW HAMP.	3.3	7.6	89.1	24,019	3,990
NEW JERSEY	4.2	42.7	53.1	30,778	6,910
NEW MEXICO	11.9	76.3	11.8	24,351	3,880
NEW YORK	5.0	43.45	;1.6	33,600	6,864
N. CAROLINA	6.4	64.5	29.1	25,073	3,911
N. DAKOTA	7.4	51.2	41.4	21,660	3,353
OHIO	4.5	47.4	48.1	28,778	4,019
OKLAHOMA	5.7	64.9	29.5	22,006	3,059
OREGON	6.3	26.6	67.1	27,750	4,574
PENNSYLVANIA	4.34	6.1	49.6	28,961	5,063
RHODE ISLAND	4.3	43.2	52.5	32,858	5,456
S. CAROLINA	8.2	56.0	35.9	24,241	3,074
S. DAKOTA	9.0	27.7	63.3	19,750	3,159
TENNESSEE	9.6	50.4	40.0	23,785	3,189
TEXAS	7.5	44.6	47.9	25,655	3,462
UTAH	5.7	57.2	37.0	23,882	2,658
VERMONT	5.9	34.4	59.7	23,397	4,949
VIRGINIA	4.8	34.9	60.3	27,436	4,145
WASHINGTON	5.8	73.6	20.6	27,960	4,083
W. VIRGINIA	12.1	61.0	26.8	21,736	3,895
WISCONSIN	4.5	40.3	55.2	29,206	4,991
WYOMING	3.0	43.1	53.9	29,378	6,885



APPENDIX B

STATE SUPPORT FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

ALABAMA Primarily used to support pupils in special education. Tuition and transportation

costs up to the amount paid per public school pupil is provided.

ALASKA Does not apply.

ARIZONA Does not apply.

ARIZONA Does not apply.

CALIFORNIA Pupils are entitled to ride school busses over same routes that public school

pupils ride.

COLORADO Aid to public schools is provided for services to nonpublic schools

and/or students for health and welfare services and compensatory education. Private vendors receive funding for education where pupils are placed by courts in private facilities with approved onground schools.

CONNECTICUT Aid to public schools for services is provided to nonpublic schools

and/or pupils for health and welfare services, compensatory education.

transportation and child nutrition.

DELAWARE Aid for transportation and driver education is provided.

FLORIDA Does not apply.

GEORGIA State provides tuition for multihandicapped pupils.

HAWAII Does not apply.

IDAHO Does not apply.

ILLINOIS Nonpublic school pupils are afforded transportation services on the

samebasis as public school pupils. Participation is authorized and funded forthe state school lunch and breakfast programs. The state textbook program is available on equal basis to nonpublic and public pupils. Parents or guardians of public and nonpublic pupils that reside 1/2 milesor more from their attendance center or less than 1/2 miles if hazardousconditions exist and do not have access to free public transportation are eligible to file for a state grant up to \$100.00.

INDIANA Does not apply.

IOWA Transportation aid not to exceed district average transportation cost

per pupil plus cost of equipment is provided. Funds for textbooks not to exceed comparable public school costs or \$10 per pupil, whichever is

less.



STATE SUPPORT FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

KANSAS Driver education aid at \$56 per pupil.

KENTUCKY Does not apply.

LOUISIANA State reimburses nonpublic schools for the recordkeeping associated with

state regulations. Funds are provided for contract services for handicapped children when services cannot be provided by the local public school system. Funds for textbooks and supplies and transportation are provided. Participation in the state school lunch program is authorized

and funded.

MAINE State aid is provided for the transportation of private school pupils a

50% of the base year cost for 1985-86. Limited medical services, testing

and textbooks are also provided.

MARYLAND Does not apply.

MASSACHUSETTS State provides aid for physical examinations and provides for special

education services mandated by the federal government when private schools contract for these services through the public school system.

MICHIGAN Does not apply.

MINNESOTA Income tax deduction of \$650 per elementary pupil and \$1000 per

secondary pupil; \$59.64 per pupil for textbooks, individualized instructional materials and standardized tests; \$18.19 per pupil for health services; \$108.91 per pupil for quidance and counseling services at the

secondary level.

MISSISSIPPI Aid is provided to distribute and freely loan books to nonpublic schools

maintaining the same education standards as public schools.

MISSOURI Does not apply.

MONTANA Does not apply.

NEBRASKA Does not apply.

NEVADA Does not apply.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Does not apply.

NEW JERSEY Public school districts purchase and loan books to nonpublic school pupils

in nonpublic schools located in the public school district (not to exceed the state average textbook expense per school pupil). Public school districts provide nonpublic school pupils with auxiliary services and

handicapped services.



STATE SUPPORT FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW MEXICO Does not apply.

NEW YORKPublic school districts are reimbursed for costs of purchasing and leaning

textbooks to nonpublic school children (up to \$15 per child). Transportation aided at 90% of approved expense. Software and library materials

aid by pupil count. Health services provided.

NORTH CAROLINA Does not apply.

NORTH DAKOTA Does not apply.

OHIO Does not apply.

OKLAHOMA Does not apply.

OREGON Does not apply.

PENNSYLVANIA The approved cost of providing transportation is reimbursed at 50% or the

district aid ratio, whichever is greater. In addition, \$70 per nonpublic pupil transported is provided. Health services are reimbursed at a rate of \$7.00 per ADM for Nursing Services; \$1.60 per ADM for Medical Services;

\$.80 per ADM for Dental Services or \$2.00 per pupil served for Dental Hygienist Services. \$108 per pupil for auxiliary services (guidance, etc.) supplied to nonpublic school pupils by public school personnel. A

maximum of \$20 per pupil for textbooks and \$10 per pupil for

instructional materials and equipment loaned.

RHODE ISLAND State includes costs of certain tuition, transportation and textbook

expenditures in the equalization formula. Reimbursement is also provided

for actual costs entailed in mandated recordkeeping activities.

SOUTH CAROLINA State provides tuition for handicapped pupils attending nonpublic schools

when such attendance is a necessity.

SOUTH DAKOTA Does not apply.

TENNESSEE Does not apply.

TEXAS Does not apply.

UTAH Does not apply.

VERMONT Does not apply.

VIRGINIA Does not apply.



STATE SUPPORT FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON Does not apply.

WEST VIRGINIA Does not apply.

WISCONSIN Public school districts are required to provide transportation for

nonpublic pupils, for which the state pays transportation aid at regular rates. The state reimburses for public school-provided diagnosis and

treatment services for nonpublic pupils with disabilities.

WYOMING Does not apply.



APPENDIX C

STATES WITH PUPIL WEIGHTS FOR COMPENSATORY EDUCATION 1987-88

<u>State</u>	Definition of Category	Weight
CONNECTICUT	One-half of the grant is apportioned based on the numbers of children in the school district receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children over the state total. One-half is apportioned based on the number of children in a district testing below the remedial standard on the state total.	In general aid formula, .5 additional weight to ADM for each child in a locality aged 5-18 receiving AFDC.
GEORGIA	Achievement test scores in reading and mathematics	1.314
ILLINOIS	Chapter 1 eligibles	Variable weighting 0625 depending on compensation of Chapter 1 eligibles in district relative to statewide concentration of 19.19%. Districts with 19.19% concentration have an addi- tional weight of .53 per low income pupil.
MASSACHUSETTS	Chapter 1 eligibles	0.20
MINNESOTA	AFDC pupil	Variable weighting between .50 and 1.10 depending on concentration of AFDC pupils in district.
MISSOURI	AFDC and orphan pupils	0.25
NEBRASKA	Local discretion (dis- tricts must qualify for equalization aid)	1.00
NEW JERSEY	Pupils currently enrolled in remedial programs	.18



<u>State</u>	Definition of Category	Weight
NEW YORK	Achievement test scores in reading and mathematics	.25
OKLAHOMA	Pupils who qualify and participate in a free and reduced lunch program	.25
SOUTH CAROLINA	Pupils who fail to meet statewide standards in reading, writing and math or who do not meet first grade readiness test standard	Grades 1-6 compensatory 0.26 Grades 2-6 remediation 0.114 Grades 7-12 remediation 0.114
TEXAS	Pupils who participate in free or reduced lunch program	.20
UTAH	Pupils are eligible on the basis of the fol- lowing criteria: low ratio income, foster children, AFDC count, and neglected and delinquent.	Districts are awarded additional pupil units based on ratio of district disadvantaged pupils to statewide total.
VERMONT	The proportion of resident students residing in each school district with a family unit receiving food stamps is given an additional weight.	.15



APPENDIX D

STATES WITH PUPIL WEIGHTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS 1987-88

State	Categories		Weight
ARIZONA	Hearing handicapped Multiple handicapped/resource Multiple handicapped/self-contained Physically handicapped/resource Physically handicapped/self-contained Trainable mentally handicapped Visually handicapped Multiple handicapped(severe sensory impairs Severly emotionally handicapped	ed)	2.312 .762 2.368 .603 2.648 2.042 2.900 4.000 1.500
ARIZONA	Multiple handicapped (severe sensory impair Severely emotionally handicapped	red)	4.000 1.500
ARKANSAS	Itinerant Resource room Self-contained Self-contained Special school, day Special school, residential Gifted/talented		.40 .85 .70 1.10 2.35 3.10 .25
CONNECTICUT	30-70% of reimbursable costs one year prior related to district wealth	, inversely	
DELAWARE	Educable mentally handicapped Socially/emotionally maladjusted Partially sighted Intensive learning center pupil Learning disabled Blind Trainable mentally handicapped Severely mentally handicapped Hearing impaired Orthopedically handicapped Autistic Deaf/Blind	15 pupils 10 pupils 10 pupils 8.6 pupils 8 pupils 6 pupils 6 pupils 6 pupils 6 pupils 6 pupils 6 pupils 4 pupils	1.27 1.90 1.90 2.21 2.38 2.38 3.17 3.17 3.17 4.75 4.75
FLORIDA	Educable mentally handicapped Trainable mentally handicapped Physically handicapped Physical and occupational therapy (part-time Speech and hearing therapy (part-time) Speech, language and hearing therapy Visually handicapped (part-time))	2.188 2.982 3.821 8.003 5.966 3.700 13.896



State	Categories	Weight
FLORIDA Continued	Visually handicapped Emotionally disturbed (part-time) Emotionally disturbed Specific learning disability (part-time) Specific learning disability Gifted (part-time) Hospital and homebound (part-time) Profoundly handicapped	4.957 4.058 2.931 3.506 2.272 2.104 9.965 4.429
GEORGIA	Resourced mildly handicapped Resourced moderately handicapped Self-contained moderately handicapped Self-contained severely handicapped Gifted	2.415 2.872 3.628 5.735 1.775
IDAHO	All handicapped categories 80% State Aid for personnel who work with special needs students	1.45
INDIANA	Multiple handicapped Physically handicapped Visually handicapped Hearing impaired Emotionally disturbed (full-time, self- contained class) Emotionally disturbed (all others) Neurologically impaired/learning disabled (full-time, self-contained) Neurologically impaired/learning disabled (all others) Communication handicapped Educable mentally retarded Trainable mentally retarded Severely and profoundly mentally retarded Homebound (Two counts, (1) As of count day, (2) From day after count day of prior year to end of prior school year)	2.37 2.04 2.70 2.73 2.52 .94 1.59 .94 .19 1.20 1.51 2.37
IOWA	Special adaptions for regular classroom instruction/handicapped pupils in special ed. class receiving part of instruction in regular class	1.70
	Full-time, self-contained handicapped	2.20
	Severely handicapped, multiple handicapped, chronically disruptive	3.60



State	Categories	<u>Weight</u>
MASSACHUSETTS*	Special needs programs (including regular education programs with modifications, regular education with no more than 25 percent time out, regular education with no more than 60 percent time out, substantially separate, home and hospital, day program prototypes)	4.00
MONTANA	Salaries and benefits of special program teachers, aides, supervisors, audiologists and speech and hearing clinicians and support staff based on FTE in special education. Total costs of teaching supplies contracted services, transportation for personnel (calculated on the same mileage rate for other travel reimbursement), and buses, used for the special education program. If the total costs of the program exceeds legislative appropriations each district receives a pro rata reduction based on prioritized budget items established by the superintendent of public instruction.	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Within-district self-contained classroom Within-district mainstreamed Out of district day placement Residential placement Preschool day placement	2.57 2.12 7.08 8.72 3.37
NEW JERSEY	Pupil weights for the following categories: (Weights are for the 1987-88 year and are adjusted annually).	
	Educable mentally retarded Trainable mentally retarded Visually handicapped Auditorily handicapped Communication handicapped Neurologically impaired Perceptually impaired Orthopedically handicapped Chronically ill Emotionally disturbed	.43 .78 1.27 1.62 .69 .56 .24 1.73 .57

^{*} Pupil count is FTE. A pupil who is enrolled in multiple programs that are conducted simultaneously and are therefore consolidated into one program is counted as one FTE pupil in the program that carries the highest weight.



<u>State</u>	Categories	Weight
NEW JERSEY Continued	Socially maladjusted Multiple handicapped Preschool handicapped	.42 1.03 . 2 1
NEW MEXICO	Class A programs: specially trained teacher travels from class to class or school to school to assist teachers and students on a part-time basis.** Class B programs: specially trained teacher operates a resource room.**	20.00 20.00
	Class C programs: special classroom instruction for moderately handicapped and gifted	1.90
	Class D programs: full-time special classroom instruction for severely handicapped students and aged 3 & 4 year old handicapped	3.50
NEW YORK	Pupils with handicapping conditions in special class 60% or more of the school day in either public school or BOCES Program	1.7
	Pupils with handicapping conditions in special class 20% or more of the school week	.9
	Pupils with handicapping conditions in special class at least two periods per week	.13
	These weightings are for resident pupils and aid under the Excess Cost Aid Formula is in addition to aid for pupil attendance being included in the district's regular operating aid.	
OKLAHOMA	Vision impaired Learning disabilities Hearing impaired Educable mentally handicapped Emotionally disturbed Multiple handicapped Physically handicapped	3.80 .40 2.90 1.30 2.50 2.40 1.20

^{**} Weighted classroom units



State	<u>Categories</u>	Weight
OKLAHOMA Continued	Speech impaired Trainable mentally handicapped Gifted and talented Deaf and blind Special education summer program Bilingual	.05 1.30 .34 3.80 1.20 .25
SOUTH CAROLIN	AEducable mentally handicapped Learning disabilities Trainable mentally handicapped Emotionally handicapped Orthopedically handicapped Visually handicapped Hearing handicapped Speech handicapped Homebound pupils	1.74 1.74 2.04 2.04 2.04 2.57 2.57 1.90 2.10
TENNESSEE	Support Services Consulting Special Education Teacher, Regular Classroom Itinerant Speech Therapy Resource Room Outside Services Compensatory Development Class Special Day Program Residential Facility Home & Hospital Institutions	.374 .509 1.069 .330 1.027 .374 4.606 6.352 18.732 2.736
TEXAS	Homebound Hospital class Speech therapy Resource room Self-contained, mild and moderate, regular campus Self-contained, severe, regular campus Self-contained, separate campus Multidistrict class Non-public day school Vocational adjustment class Community class Self-contained, pregnant	5.0 5.0 10.0 2.7 2.3 3.5 2.7 3.5 3.5 2.3 3.5 2.3
UTAH	Handicapped pupils are assigned to one of five levels for funding purposes. The level to which pupils are assigned is determined by a formula which considers number of hours pupil receives special education, number of handicapped pupils in class, number of teachers and aides.	



State	<u>Categories</u>	<u>We</u>	<u>ight</u>
UTAH Continued		Regular <u>Classroom</u>	Self-Contained Classroom
	Level I Level II Level III Level IV Level V	.60 1.10 2.40 3.00 5.20	1.60 2.10 3.40 4.00 6.20
WEST VIRGIN	NIA Handicapped		3.0



APPENDIX E

STATES WITH PUPIL WEIGHTS FOR DISTRICT/SCHOOL SIZE 1987-88

ARIZONA

Districts with less than 600 ADM receive special weightings for K-8 and 9-12 enrollment:

K-8 ADM	Weight	9-12 ADM	<u>Weight</u>
1-99	1.399	1-99	1.599
100-499	1.278	100-499	1.398
500-599	1.158	500-599	1.268

ARKANSAS

Districts with less than 360 pupils in ADM for the previous year are given addon weights according to the following formula with the ADM being that of the previous year:

ADM (360 - ADM) = Add on weight for district 600

Districts are allowed: 100% of weights for 1983-84 and 1984-85

90% of weights for 1985-86

75% of weights for 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89

50% of weights for 1989-90

0% of weights for 1990-91 and thereafter

Weighting will be phased out over four years beginning in 1985-86.

CONNECTICUT

The state provides a \$25 per pupil grant increase to the general aid formula grant for those towns participating in K-12 regional school systems.



IDAHO

KINDERGARTEN UNITS

28 weeks A.D.A.	A.D.A. Per Unit	Weight Allowed
41 or more 31-40.99 A.D.A. 26-30.99 A.D.A. 21-25.99 A.D.A. 16-20.99 A.D.A. 8-15.99 A.D.A. 1-7.99 A.D.A.	40 MIN/MAX MIN/MAX MIN/MAX MIN/MAX MIN/MAX COUNT AS	1.00 or more 1.00 .85 .75 .60 .50 ELEMENTARY
ELEMENTARY UNITS		
300 or more 160-299.99 A.D.A. 110-159.99 A.D.A. 71.1-109.99 A.D.A. 51.7- 71.00 A.D.A. 33.6- 51.60 A.D.A. 16.6- 33.50 A.D.A. 1.0- 16.50 A.D.A.	23 20 19 16 15 13 12 MIN/MAX	15.00 or more 8.40 or more 6.80 or more 4.70 or more 4.00 or more 2.80 or more 1.40 or more 1.00
SECONDARY UNITS		
750 or more 400-749.99 A.D.A. 300-399.99 A.D.A. 200-299.99 A.D.A. 100-199.99 A.D.A. 99.99 or fewer	18.5 16.0 14.5 13.5 12.0	47.00 or more 28.00 or more 22.00 or more 17.00 or more 9.00 or more
UNITS ALLOWED AS FOLL	<u>-OWS</u>	
GRADES 7 - 12 GRADES 9 - 12 GRADES 7 - 9 GRADES 7 - 8	MIN/MAX MIN/MAX 14 16	8.00 6.00 AS COMPUTED AS COMPUTED
EXCEPTIONAL UNITS		
14 or more 12-13.99 A.D.A. 8-11.99 A.D.A. 4- 7.99 A.D.A. 1- 3.99 A.D.A.	14.5 MIN/MAX MIN/MAX MIN/MAX MIN/MAX	1.00 or more 1.00 .75 .50 .25



MONTANA

Variable Weights for elementary and secondary schools. See Appendix A (attached).

NEVADA

Weights for small schools and urban areas.

NEW MEXICO

Additional program units for districts with less than 400 MEM (excluding special education MEM) according to the following formulae:

Elementary - Junior High:

 $(200 - MEM/200) \times 1.0 \times MEM = Units$

Senior High:

 $(200 - MEM/200) \times 2.0 \times MEM = Units$

or

 $(400 - MEM/400) \times 1.6 \times MEM = Units$

whichever provides the greater number of units.

Additional program units for districts with less than 4,000 MEM (including special education MEM) according to the following formula:

 $(4,000 - MEW4,000) \times 0.15 \times MEM = Units$

Additional units for districts with over 10,000 MEM with a ratio of MEM to sanior high schools less than 4,000:1, according to the following formula:

(4,000 - MEM/Senior High Schools) x 0.50 = Units



NORTH DAKOTA

ELEMENTARY		KINDERGARTEN
1 room schools, 1-8 first 16 ADM each additional	1.30 .90	.65
Grades 1-6 0.99 ADM each additional	1.00 .90	.50
100-999	.90	.45
1000 or more ADM	.95	.475
HIGH SCHOOL		
0-74 ADM each ADM	1.70	
75-149 ADM each ADM	1.40	
150-549 each ADM	1.32	
550+ each ADM	1.20	

OKLAHOMA

Additional pupil units are earned by districts with less than 500 ADA according to the following formula:

 $(500 - ADA/500) \times .2 \times ADA = Units$



UTAH

Additional units for small and necessary schools according to state schedule:

Elementary Schools:

<u>ADA</u>	Number of Weighted Pupil Units
5 up to 13	27
13 up to 21	40
21 up to 31	53
31 up to 51	53 + (1.4)(ADM-30)
51 up to 91	81 + (1.2)(ADM-50)
91 up to 111	129 + (1.0)(ADM-90)
111 up to 165	149 + (0.3)(ADM-110)

Junior High and Middle Schools:

<u>Weight</u>
ADM x 2.0
80 + (0.9)(ADM-40)
140 + (0.9)(ADM-80)
238 + (0.9)(ADM-150)
338 + (0.9)(ADM-250)

Senior High Schools:

<u>ADA</u>	<u>Weight</u>
0 up to 84	ADM x 2.0
84 up to 140	150 + (1.6)(0.9)(ADM-75)
140 up to 207	230 + (1.1)(0.9)(ADM-125)
207 up to 279	296 + (1.0)(0.9)(ADM-185)
279 up to 417	361 + (.112)(0.9)(ADM-250)



WYOMING

Weighted classroom units:

ELEMENTARY

ADM	<u>Divisor</u>	Minimum Units
Less than 10	8	1.00
10 but less than 27	8	1.20
27 but less than 44	12	3.25
44 but less than 76	14	3.60
76 but less than 151	16	5.36
151 but less than 301	19	9.38
301 but less than 501	22	15.79
501 and over	23	22.73

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

ADM	<u>Divisor</u>	Minimum Units
Less than 51	13	2.00
51 but less than 151	15	3.85
151 but less than 301	18	10.00
301 but less than 501	21	16.67
501 and over	23	23.81

HIGH SCHOOLS

ADM	<u>Divisor</u>	Minimum Units
Less than 76 76 but less than 151 151 but less than 301 301 but less than 501 501 and over	10 14 17 20 23	7.40 10.71 17.65 25.00

ADA = Average Daily Attendance; ADM = Average Daily Membership; FTE = Full Time Equivalent Unit; MEM = Membership



APPENDIX F

STATES WITH INSTRUCTIONAL UNIT WEIGHTS FOR GRADE LEVEL DIFFERENCES 1987-88

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<u>State</u>	Grade1 Unit for	
ALABAMA	K 20 ADA In addition to foundation program 1-6 approximately 525.	
ARIZONA	K-3	.04 additional weights
DELAWARE	K	40 pupils
	1-3	19 pupils
	4-6	20 pupils
	7-12	20 pupils
KENTUCKY	К	25 pupils
	1-3	23 pupils
	4-12	27 pupils
LOUISIANA	K-3	22 pupils
	4-12	25 pupils
MISSISSIPP!	1-4	24 pupils
	5-12	27 pupils
	1 additional unit is granted for each approved program in special educatio additional unit is granted for each app program in vocational education.	
NEW MEXICO	K	1.3 (1/2 day)
	1-3	1.1
	4-6	1.0
	7-12	1.25



State	<u>Grade</u>	1 Unit for
NORTH CAROLINA	K-9	26 pupils
	10-12	30 pupils
SOUTH DAKOTA	K-8	21.85 pupils
	9-12	19.54 pupils
TENNESSEE	K-3	to 25 pupils
	4	to 28 pupils
	5-6	to 30 pupils
	7-12	to 35 pupils



GLOSSARY OF SCHOOL FINANCE TERMS

ADA: Average daily attendance.

WADA is weighted ADA.

ADM: Average daily membership.

WADM is weighted ADM.

AGI: Adjusted Gross Income.

FTE: Full Time Equivalent count of student determined by computing the pupil

minutes of time in each program for the school year and dividing by the

number of minutes in the school year.

RLE: Required Local Effort, a local tax that must be levied. Local funds raised by

the RLE are subtracted from the total foundation funds to determine the

amount of state aid the district receives.

AFDC: Aid to families with dependent children.

MILL: A millage rate is the amount of property tax dollars levied for each \$1,000 of

assessed valuation.

ASSESSED

VALUATION: Refers to the total value of property subject to the property tax in a school

district.

